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INTRODUCTION.

The manuscripts and records of the Beverley Corporation were examined and reported upon in 1900 by the late Mr. Arthur F. Leach for the Historical Manuscripts Commission and the result of his observations was published by the Commission¹. That Report, however, deals mainly with records down to the year 1589 being the close of the period covered by "The Great Guild Book" and merely mentions the existence of records after that date. Leach also in *Beverley Town Documents*² makes use of the same material and gives a very full transcript of the Beverley "Town Chartulary" and a number of extracts from "The Great Guild Book" which contain (*inter alia*) the ancient customs and liberties of Beverley and the Orders governing the various guilds and trade companies of the town, down to 1589. Medieval Beverley has also been very fully dealt with elsewhere, notably in Poulson's *Beverlac*³, and Oliver's *History of Beverley*⁴. No serious attempt, however, appears to have been made to publish any detailed account of the post-Elizabethan records of the Corporation. It is proposed, therefore, to continue Leach's account by an examination of some of the records from the last quarter of the sixteenth century to the end of the eighteenth century. These records are mainly contained in the following manuscripts mentioned in Leach's Report, viz.:—

1. The Great Order Book (being a continuation of "The Great Guild Book"), 1587-1821.

2. The Minute Books of the Governors 1597-1707.

3. The Account Rolls.

In addition to these documents, a volume of orders and other records for the period 1575-1583 has recently come to light which Leach did not see, and as it is the earliest book of records of the Corporation following the Grant of the Charter of incorporation of the Borough in 1573, it makes a convenient starting point, and forms Part I of this volume. For want of a better name it is here referred to as "the Small Order Book" though it contains much material not in the nature of orders of the Corporation. Part II consists of the Great Order Book; and Part III a Minute Book for the period 1659-1707.

¹ *Report on the Manuscripts of Beverley*, 1900, Cd. 284.

² Selden Society, vol. xiv, 1900.

³ *Beverlac, or the Antiquities and History of the Town of Beverley*, by George Poulson, 1829.

⁴ *The History and Antiquities of the Town and Minster of Beverley*, by George Oliver, 1829.

It has not been possible in the space available to do more than give an abstract of these manuscripts, with a few verbatim extracts, but it is hoped that a fairly complete picture will emerge of the activities of the Borough and its governing body from Elizabethan times to the period shortly before the reform of the Municipalities.

The system of government of the town by Governors down to 1573 has been fully dealt with by Leach in the Selden Society publication above referred to. Through the many variations indicated by Leach¹ the principle had been maintained of a Council of 12 Keepers or Governors (with or without the assistance of other representative burgesses) elected yearly by the body of burgesses, the retiring Governors not being eligible, for a period, for re-election. As a result there was, subject to certain limitations as to the persons nominated, a democratic choice of the governing body and a complete change of government every year. The Charter of Incorporation granted by Elizabeth in 1573² made a startling change in this ancient system. The government of the town was vested in a Mayor and 12 Governors who formed the Common Council of the town. The Mayor was elected annually on the Monday before Michaelmas by the Governors and Burgesses. The first Governors were named in the Charter and held their office for life, casual vacancies by death or otherwise being filled by the choice of the Mayor and the remaining Governors. This oligarchy survived for 250 years until the passing of the Municipal Reform Acts. The 1573 Charter gave a certain measure of representation in the government of the town to the burgesses themselves by joining them with the Mayor and Governors to "hear refer consult counsel and decree concerning the statutes laws articles and ordinances touching and concerning the town and the good rule and government of the same" according to their discretion. It then goes on to give the Mayor and Governors power to make laws, etc. in almost identical terms. In practice these somewhat contradictory provisions seem to have been generally interpreted to mean that in matters of local legislation, as distinct from administration, the burgesses were consulted before formal orders were made, and their assent obtained, though the actual making of the orders was by the Mayor and Governors. As early as 1596 the practice was established of the Governors submitting the names of 26 burgesses to a meeting either of the Wardens of the Companies or the whole of the Brothers (see p. 43) out of whom the Companies selected 13 to represent the whole body of burgesses for a year "to give their consent assent or denial as heretofore hath been accustomed," but so far as is known there was no real authority for this practice. While, however, the town orders made in 1596 (p. 36) purported to be made by the Mayor and

¹ Selden Society 1900, vol. xiv, pp. xxv to xxxiii.

² Poulson, *Beverlac*, app. p. 10.

Governors, with the consent of the most part of the thirteen burgesses, the Trades Ordinances which follow from 1596 to 1632 do not recite any such consent, and it is not until the Tanners' Orders of 1673 that the assent of the capital burgesses is mentioned, though other orders not referring to the Trade Companies made within that period do so. The two Members of Parliament for the Borough also appear to have been chosen by the Mayor, Governors and the 13 "selected" burgesses notwithstanding the terms of the Elizabeth Charter giving to the Mayor Governors and Burgesses generally the power to elect. An attempt was made in 1660 to break down the system of selected burgesses, when an order was made (p. 103) by the Mayor, Recorder, Governors, Burgesses and Commonalty of the town that future elections to Parliament should be by the Commonalty of the town, and substituting the Commonalty for the 13 burgesses, who were thenceforth not to be elected to transact the business of the town, but this order was annulled on the 22nd September 1662 and the 13 selected burgesses re-established. However, in September 1663 the Charter of Charles II finally established the government of the town by the Mayor and 12 life Governors together with 13 Capital Burgesses who were elected annually by the Burgesses and Commonalty out of a list of 26 nominated by the Mayor and Governors. In practice the names submitted were those of the retiring 13 Capital Burgesses and 13 others. The only substantial change until the coming into operation of the Municipal Corporations Act 1835 was the substitution by the Charter of James II of the term "Aldermen" for that of "Governors," and the limitation of the choice of Mayor to one of the 12 Aldermen as had been the practice hitherto. The election of the Mayor in every case was by the Burgesses and Commonalty of the town generally.

The extent of the authority of the Mayor and Governors, exemplified in the records given in this volume, may be estimated by a short reference to their powers. In addition to their power to make laws for the good rule and government of the town, and to inflict penalties, a power which they interpreted and exercised to the full, they were with the Recorder the Judges of the local Court of Record, Justices of the Peace for the Borough with exclusive jurisdiction in all but treason, murder or felony touching the loss of life; a Court of pied poudre; Court Leet; they had the rights of waifs, estrays, goods of felons and fugitives; deodand; fairs and markets, with stallage, piccage, tolls and gatelaw; the assize of bread, wine and beer. The Mayor was Clerk of the Market and fixed the prices at which various commodities were to be sold, and was also Escheator, Coroner and keeper of the gaol. The Corporation had return of all writs, etc. issued out of the Royal Courts. It must have been difficult for the Governors at times to remember whether they were sitting as a town Council, a Court of Record or a Sessions of the Peace.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the history of the town at this period is the very full picture which emerges from these records of the guild system as it existed in the late sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The Ordinances of the Companies inscribed in the Great Order Book (pp. 51-87) indicate that at the commencement of the period they were full of vigour. The ancient religious marks and objects of the guilds had of course disappeared in the upheaval and legislation of the Reformation period, but the two-fold material object of their existence, viz.:—protection for the Brothers themselves and protection for the public whom they served are abundantly illustrated, and the Ordinances contain some striking regulations to ensure that the public should get good workmanship, sound material and wholesome food at reasonable prices. It will be observed that while each Company was a separate organization with its own governing body and responsible for its own internal affairs, it was at the same time dominated and controlled by the Mayor and Governors, who made the Ordinances which regulated it, sat in judgement on transgressions and imposed penalties, took half the revenues and were the ultimate court of appeal in respect of internal disputes between the brothers. This arrangement was an ideal one from the point of view both of the traders and the public, as while the Ordinances contained such provisions as protected the brothers from trading by outsiders, and unfair competition between each other, the Governors held the balance in the interests of the public by inserting provisions for their protection.

The trades and occupations whose Ordinances are recorded in this volume are as follows :—(1) Merchants and Mercers; (2) Drapers, who were originally part of the Merchants but were constituted a separate guild in 1493; (3) Butchers; (4) Bakers; (5) Carpenters; (6) Smiths; (7) Bricklayers; (8) Cordiners; (9) Tanners; (10) Weavers; (11) Glovers; and (12) Oatmealmakers. There are also references in the Minutes of the Corporation in 1599 to (13) Brasiers; (14) Tylers; (15) Taylors; and (16) Websters, and as late as 1698 the (17) Skinners; and (18) Innholders are mentioned. The last Orders to which reference is made are the Innholders in 1681 and the Fraternity of Merchants or Mercers, Woollen Drapers and Grocers in 1690, neither of which are recorded.

No doubt at this period a number of the ancient craft guilds of Beverley had ceased to exist by reason of the fact that a number of similar trades had grouped themselves together in one Company, for example, the Carpenters' Company in 1596 included Joiners, Millwrights, Wheelwrights, Sawyers, Coopers, Bowers and Fletchers, Turners, Bottlemakers, Dishturners, Basketmakers and others, some of whom at all events had formerly been separate guilds, but even allowing for this there are some notable omissions in the list compared with the medieval Beverley guilds.

Judging by the few references to the Companies after the end of the seventeenth century it may be assumed that their end was very near. As early as 1694 not only were traders carrying on business in the town who were not brothers of a Company, but were not even freemen and burgesses of the Borough, both of which qualifications were in theory essential, for on the 20th September 1694 an order was made (p. 90) reciting that these evils existed and for the redress thereof any person exercising any occupation, not being a freeman, should pay 10s. weekly to the Corporation. A number of instances will be found in the Minute Book (Part III) of this penalty being imposed. This, however, did not revive the Companies and the Corporation in 1724 (p. 92) made a last effort to do so by imposing a fine of 20s. a week for trading in the Borough by those not belonging to a Company. There is no record of this penalty being enforced and it may reasonably be assumed that the system of craft guilds which had been in existence in Beverley for about 600 years died about this period from sheer inanition, though the restriction of trading to freemen of the Borough undoubtedly continued for much longer.

Westwood, Hurn, Fegang (Figham) and Swinemoor, to which references occur frequently throughout this volume, are the Common Pastures of the Borough containing about 1,200 acres, which were acquired by the town in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries and on which the individual freemen had (and still have) the right to depasture cattle, and which the public have the right to use for purposes of recreation. They were controlled through Pasture Masters appointed for the purpose by the Council out of their own number until 1836 when a private Act was obtained by the freemen vesting the control in a body of 12 Pasture Masters annually appointed by the freemen themselves.

Many references will be observed, particularly in the Minute Book (Part III) to the Churches of St. John's (Beverley Minster) and St. Mary's. These are explained by the fact that certain lands were granted to the Corporation by Charters of 21 Elizabeth and 27 Elizabeth for the support of these two Churches, and also, by a Charter of 23 Elizabeth, the Corporation were authorised to appoint the Minister and his Assistant at the Minster. In the case of St. Mary's, the Churchwardens managed the property, subject to the supervision of the Corporation, and expended the income, any surplus being paid to the town; but the Minster property was entirely controlled by the Corporation, who were responsible for the upkeep of the Church, and appointed and paid the clergy.

THE SMALL ORDER BOOK (PART I).

Though this book was not mentioned by Leach (*Hist. MSS. Report*) it is similar in scope to the manuscripts referred to by him (on p. 6) as Minute Books of the Governors 1558-1567 and 1568-1573. As will be seen these books are not really Minute books in the sense of being records of the proceedings at meetings of the Governors, kept in chronological order, but entries made more or less in sections in various Mayoral years of some of the Orders made by the Corporation; receipts at the various Courts which the Mayor and Governors controlled; appointments of officers of the Corporation and the Companies; promises to pay debts due either to the Corporation or between private persons; binding of apprentices, and so on.

The first Order (p. 1) deals with the great annual fair for the London merchants known as Cross Fair, which was the secular successor of the medieval ceremonies connected with the Rogation Days processions, when the shrine of St. John of Beverley was borne with great pomp from the Minster to the great Parish Churches of St. Mary and St. Nicholas and the craft guilds set up their castles along the route. It was the prerogative of the Corporation to "lead" all wares brought by the Londoners to the fair from the River Hull, or the ancient canal linking the river with Beverley known as Beverley Beck, to the limits of the fair in the street known as Londoners' street, otherwise Highgate, near the Minster. This right was farmed out, and in 1579 (p. 27) produced 40s. Its growth and subsequent decline may be judged from the fact that prior to the great plague of London, the rent had risen to £10, but in the year 1668 (p. 144) when, owing to the trade disturbances following the plague, the rent had been reduced to £7. 4s. 0d., 237 loads of goods were "led in" of which 41 loads were "led down," presumably unsold. This payment had declined in 1700 to £4, by which time the decay of the Fair was well advanced.

A large section of the book is taken up by entries of the receipts of fees for proceedings at the weekly sittings of the local Court of Record, held before the Mayor, Recorder and Governors, at which a considerable volume of business was transacted. The Court fee for each proceeding appears to have been 4d. for a burgess and 8d. for a non-burgess. Reference may be made to the Rules of procedure of this Court in 1681 (p. 108). The Clerk of the Court of Record paid £5 a year for the privilege, no doubt as a consideration for the fees and perquisites of the office. This amount was paid annually to the end of the seventeenth century, in the later years of which it was remitted, possibly because the business of the Court had even then begun to decline.

The receipts at the "Thursday sittings" when the Governors apparently sat as Justices of the Peace, disclose some interesting items, a curiously modern one (p. 13) being seven fines of 4d. each for unmuzzled dogs, the Mayor being one of the offenders and Mr. Raffles, a Governor, another.

Brewers' and Bakers' fines were a considerable source of income, e.g., in 1579 (p. 24) the Brewers' fines for the year amounted to £7. 14s. 2d. and the Bakers £3. 4s. 3d.

Receipts for waifs, estrays, deodands and felons' goods occur in several places, as for instance, at pp. 11 and 14, receipts in respect of the goods of one Brian Sparrow, who committed suicide in prison, referred to as a "dyadante"; and again a curious entry at p. 19 of the value of an old "safegarde" forfeited by a woman for petty robbery.

Fines, contributions and upsets from the Trading Companies occur frequently and indicate the extent to which the guild system was organised and the control exercised by the Council over the quality of goods supplied. Fines for bad workmanship and forfeiture of goods made of inferior material were not infrequent. If the list of 16 Trade Companies (the term "Guild" had disappeared in Beverley long before this date) for whom Searchers were sworn at p. 22, is complete, a number of the older Craft Guilds had now disappeared. The Oatmealmakers figure largely in this volume, the price of oatmeal and the ensuring of supplies to the townspeople being strictly controlled, as e.g., at p. 5. Candlemakers, though they do not appear as a separate Company, were also similarly controlled (p. 5).

Fines for forestalling the market by selling fish privately instead of taking it to market occur, at p. 23, and a similar Order a century later, in 1671, will be found at p. 151.

The public sport of bull-baiting was jealously safeguarded and the supply of bulls ensured by fining butchers who killed bulls before they had been baited contrary to the Butchers' Ordinances.

While apprenticeships recorded were usually for 7 years, this being the term necessary to qualify as a burgess, the unusual period of 9 years apprenticeship to a joiner is recorded at p. 20. The salary usually paid to an apprentice at this period (1577) was 6d. a year in addition to food, lodging and clothing, with 20s. or 26s. 8d. in the last year. An apprentice to a musician however was to receive from his master at the end of his term an instrument of all such sorts as the master used (p. 34). Unfortunately they are not specified in the record.

The administration of the sanitation of the town appears to have been limited to enforcing the cleansing of gutters (pp. 7 and 8), and removal of dung (p. 34), while the highways were safeguarded by the levy of fines or tolls on "shodcarts" (pp. 14 and 19).

At this period, new burgesses admitted average about 21 each year, though the numbers vary from 30 in 1577-8 to 7 in 1578-9. Born burgesses, i.e., sons of burgesses born after their father's admission, were admitted free; apprentices (not free-born) for 7 years to a burgess, 20s., and others amounts varying from 26s. 8d. to 40s.

THE GREAT ORDER BOOK (PART II).

The first part of this book contains mainly the more formal laws and ordinances for the government of the town, and the ordinances made by the Corporation for the government of the Trade Companies, Fraternities or Brotherhoods, from 1596 to 1822. The very wide powers to make these orders, granted by the Charter of Incorporation of 1573, were no innovation. They had been exercised by the Keepers or Governors of the town for centuries, and no doubt had their origin in the Charter of Archbishop Thurstan (c. 1129) "I also am willing that my burgesses of Beverley shall have their Hanshouse which I give and grant them that they may there debate their by-laws"¹.

Folios 1 to 7 contain the Town Ordinances originally made in 1596, based on an earlier set compiled in 1592 (p. 96), confirmed in 1608, and amended and added to from time to time down to 1681. Notwithstanding the general terms of the Elizabeth Charter as to the choice of a Mayor, it will be observed (Order No. 1) that already the limitation of the choice to one of the Governors was established. Apparently an attempt to limit the electors to burgesses who were members of the Trading Companies was not successful, though the election of the 13 burgesses to represent the whole body of burgesses (Order No. 29) seems to have been so limited. The fines on admission as a freeman (Order No. 2) remained substantially the same up to the middle of the seventeenth century when there became a tendency to increase the £5 fine for a purchased freedom by a stranger, first up to £6. 13s. 4d. and later up to £8. Subsequently it became much more valuable, having regard to the purchasing power of a vote. Fines for non-acceptance of office as a Governor or Alderman (Order No. 3) were utilized towards the beginning of the eighteenth century as an ingenious method of raising funds at a time when the finances of the town were at a low level. Persons unlikely or ineligible to serve as Aldermen or in other offices, were elected to office, and on refusing to serve, compelled to pay the fine, which at this time had been raised first to £30 and then to £50. In 1770 a fine of £200 was so imposed but the Alderman in question subsequently accepted office.

¹ Selden Society, vol. xiv, p. xx.

It is a little difficult to reconcile the temperance legislation in 1596 contained in Order No. 8 (p. 38) with the fact that 40 alehouses etc. were permitted to be licensed by the Mayor about the same period (p. 97).

Modern public health legislation was anticipated by several Orders, e.g., overcrowding, by two families occupying one house, was prohibited; every house must have a sufficient chimney; the fore parts of houses must be paved (p. 39); butchers must submit their slaughtered animals for inspection, and not cast garbage into the public streets (pp. 84 and 85).

Folios 9 to 55 of the first part of the Great Order Book contain the remarkable series of Trade Ordinances to which reference has already been made. The first series of these new Ordinances was made in 1596 and are largely modelled on the Merchants' Orders of 1582 contained in the Great Guild Book¹. The 1596 Orders are those of the Merchants and Mercers, Drapers, Butchers, Bakers, Carpenters, Smiths, Bricklayers, Cordiners, Tanners, Weavers, and Glovers. Then follow Cordwainers (1627), Joiners, Carpenters, Coopers, etc. (1629), Bakers (1626), Oatmeal-makers (1629), Butchers (1632) and Tanners (1674). They are too lengthy to be given verbatim but it is hoped that the abstracts may be sufficiently full to be of value. They should of course be read in the light of the general ordinances of the town prohibiting trading to any but burgesses (p. 45) and to those who had been apprenticed (p. 42). Normally two qualifications were essential before a man could trade on his own account; he must first be admitted a freeman and burgess (the two words appear to be synonymous) of the town by the Mayor and Governors and must also be admitted a brother of his appropriate Company by the Warden. A stranger coming to the town could be permitted to trade for a limited time, subject to obtaining first the consent of the Mayor and secondly permission of the Company Warden, on paying a contribution to the Company, but he was compelled to fulfil the normal obligations of freedom and brotherhood when required to do so. After the decay of the Companies the obligation to become a freeman continued, though even as early as 1700 the Corporation were somewhat embarrassed in enforcing it in the case of women, who while incapable of being admitted freemen, desired to trade. At p. 188 cases are recorded of two women being permitted to keep open milliners' shops on payment of £6. 13s. 4d., being the fine then usually taken on admission of a stranger as a freeman.

The Butchers' Ordinances of 1632 (p. 84) contain some severe penalties directed against combinations formed with a view to raising prices; for a third offence the penalty was a fine of £40, the pillory, the loss of an ear and thenceforth to be a person without credit.

¹ Selden Society, vol. xiv, p. 84.

Although Charles I removed his Court to Beverley about the time of his abortive visit to Hull in 1642¹, the records of the Corporation have little to say on the events of the Civil War period. There is, however, an interesting account (p. 48) of the activities of one Robert Manbie, who was Mayor in 1644, and whose royalist sympathies led him to purloin the town's plate and mace, and a sum of money, and carry them to York for Charles's benefit. Unfortunately he found the Standing Committee at York instead, who relieved him of his spoils and ordered him to be displaced from office.

The demand of its royal grantor for the surrender of the Charter of Charles II came in 1684 (p. 88) but Charles had died before the new Charter was ready. This Charter², dated 9th March 1684-5, only a month after James II succeeded, was the last one granted to the town, and cost £438. 13s. 4d. It is a very comprehensive document conferring almost every conceivable local right on the Council, and changed the title of the Corporation from "The Mayor Governors and Burgesses" to "The Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses." Power was reserved to the Crown to remove any members of the Corporation, the Recorder, or the Clerk, by decree in the Privy Council, and this power was exercised in 1688 (p. 107) by a decree displacing the Recorder, four Aldermen and three Capital Burgesses, and a mandate to the Council to elect certain named persons in their places without administering any oath to them. The Council appear to have obeyed this mandate to the extent of choosing the Recorder and two of the named Aldermen, but raised difficulties about the remainder, which were probably solved by James's own abdication.

The second part of the Great Order Book, written from the opposite end of the book, after three pages of precedents obviously inserted later on blank pages, commences with an Order, dated 1st February, 1587-8, imposing penalties on certain disaffected persons who were disturbing the peace of mind of the Mayor and Governors. It contains a miscellaneous collection of orders made by the Council from time to time, including the series of orders made in 1592 (p. 96) on which the 1596 Orders were based which are set out at length in the first part of the book (p. 36). Item 23 (p. 98) is an interesting anticipation by nine years of the statutory provisions of Elizabeth's Poor Relief Act 1601. The order provides for the raising of a sum of money by the sale of trees on Westwood, to be employed in setting the poor on work, and imposing penalties in default.

The financial difficulties of the town towards the end of the seventeenth century are reflected (p. 112) in the attempt to economize by the expedient of reducing officials' salaries, as

¹ See Tickell, *History of Hull*.

² For text, see Poulson, *Beverlac*, app. p. 48.

well as in the frequent imposition of fines on persons refusing office, to which reference has already been made.

In addition to the Orders which are scattered throughout this part, elections of members to serve in Parliament and of new Governors or Aldermen, Recorders and other officers are recorded down to 1821.

It will be observed that Beverley was fortunate in securing as its two members of Parliament local magnates who agreed to serve at their own costs, though the correspondence with Sir John Hotham in 1683 (p. 171) indicates some little difficulty at that time. For about a century from 1625, with the exception of the Commonwealth period, a Hotham or a Warton, usually both, were returned. They kept the seat warm by presenting a fat buck to the Corporation each Christmas, but in 1683 these gifts were declined because of the expense involved in eating them. The Warton family, however, continued the practice and accompanied the venison with £10 to provide the treat. John Moyser, who was chosen for Parliament on the 16th May 1705, paved the way for his election by presenting the Corporation, on the 23rd April 1705, with the existing Great Mace.

The Rules of the local Court of Record (p. 108), the Judges of which were the Recorder with the Mayor and Governors, give an interesting insight into the legal processes of the seventeenth century. The first process after the entry of an action or plaint upon the record appears to have been the arrest of the debtor or defendant by the Sergeant at Mace, pending the giving of sufficient security for bail. Both parties were limited in their choice of an Attorney to one appointed by the Governors, of whom only two were appointed in the late sixteenth century (p. 15), but a third choice was available in 1685 (p. 174). The jurisdiction of the Court was jealously guarded and the appointment of an Attorney was subject to his agreeing not to assist the removal of any cause out of the Court (p. 136). Sir Edward Barnard, Kt., who was also Recorder of Hull, was appointed Recorder of Beverley in 1678, and though he was displaced from his Hull office before the death of Charles II¹, retained his Beverley office long enough to draw up an address to James II, in February 1685 (p. 173). John Jackson, who compiled the Minute Book (Part III) was one of the Attorneys of the Court from 1651 onwards.

¹ Tickell, *History of Hull*, p. 573.

CORPORATION MINUTE BOOK, 1659-1707 (PART III).

The Minute Books of the Corporation are complete from 1597 onwards, with the exception of the years 1707-1722, and as it would not be possible to include in this volume more than a scanty reference to their contents for the whole period covered by these notes, it has accordingly been thought desirable, in order to present as complete a picture as possible of the activities of the Corporation, to include a fairly full abstract of only one, viz., from 1659-1707. Leach in the *Hist. MSS. Comm. Report on the Beverley Corporation Manuscripts* (1900), p. 6, paras. 11 and 12, refers to three Minute Books covering this period, but evidently omitted to examine them or he would have discovered that the original volume had been mutilated by the abstraction of fos. 108 to 298 (1679 to 1702) which had been re-bound in two separate volumes, the three volumes making together the original Minute Book.

This Minute Book is remarkable in that it is almost wholly in one handwriting, that of one John Jackson who was appointed Clerk to the Chamber (an office corresponding largely to that of a modern Town Clerk, though another official at that time bore the latter designation) in 1659. From the record of his appointment on the first page, to that of his resignation in 1707 on the last page, only a few entries are made by another hand. John Jackson was born in Beverley in 1625. He was originally a baker, but in 1651 he was appointed by the Corporation one of the two Attorneys of the Court of Record and also mace bearer. His salary for the latter office was £3. 6s. 8d. a year and he was granted the benefit of making leases of the Corporation lands. On his appointment as Chamber Clerk in 1659 his salary for that office was £6. 13s. 4d. together with 26s. 8d. for ingrossing the town's accounts, i.e., the annual Rolls of Account. For nearly 50 years, therefore, the whole of the records of the Corporation are in his handwriting. He was apparently also Clerk to the Churchwardens of St. Mary's, and of the Minster, as certain of their records are in his handwriting. A large silver snuff box in the possession of the Corporation bears the inscription "Ex dono Johannis Jackson Corporationi Ville de Beverley cui pro 56 annis Sceptifer fuit" evidently presented shortly before his resignation in 1707, when the Corporation graciously allowed him to retain his old gown instead of handing it over to his successor as they had previously decided (p. 184). It is interesting to note that, judging by this inscription, he evidently considered his office of mace bearer more important than that of Clerk to the Council. His death in 1714, at the age of 90, is recorded in the Parish Register of St. Mary's, Beverley.

The meetings of the Corporation at this period were normally held fortnightly and are recorded in this Minute Book in great detail. A large proportion of the entries refer to leases and

management of the property which the Corporation controlled, consisting not only of their own property, which produced a rent roll of about £250 a year, but the estates which the Corporation administered for the upkeep of the Minster to the extent of about £180 a year, and the estate which they managed jointly with the Churchwardens of St. Mary's for the upkeep of that Church. These entries are so numerous that it has been thought expedient to ignore them in these notes apart from the first few pages. Similarly, records of admissions of new burgesses, which were of frequent occurrence, have been largely omitted. Throughout the period covered by this Minute Book new burgesses were admitted to the number of about 25 each year, the fine on admission being usually £6. 13s. 4d. in the case of persons not having a legal settlement in Beverley; £5 for natives of the town not free born; 20s. for 7 year apprentices not free born; no fine for free born inhabitants, i.e., born in Beverley after their father's admission as a freeman.

It is obviously an impossible task in a short introduction to this book to attempt to make a connected story of the great variety of matters entered in it during the half century which it covers. The first two folios are given verbatim, after which an abstract only except for a few entries of special interest.

In addition to the many items in the Minute Book relating to the churches of St. John's or St. John's and St. Martin's, better known as the Minster, and St. Mary's, there are a number of interesting references to the third great Parish Church of St. Nicholas or Holmes Church which had fallen into disuse and decay. The Parish was united to that of St. Mary in 1666 on the petition of the Corporation (pp. 140, 142); its bells and silver distributed (pp. 142 and 164); and its stones used in 1691 for the repair of the Minster and St. Mary's (p. 181).

The many references throughout these records to the Free School and the Grammar School, which appear to have been the same, and the occasional references to the School attached to St. Mary's Church (see pp. 153, 156 and 173) as well as to the three exhibitions to St. John's College, Cambridge, which the Corporation held in gift, indicate the extent to which the Corporation were concerned in educational administration. In 1670 the number of scholars at the Free School was 50 (p. 148) and the headmaster's salary £30 a year (p. 158) with an usher at £6. 13s. 4d. A century earlier (p. 21) the salary had been 20 marks with an usher at 40s. a year plus 4d. a scholar. The Corporation's Grammar School monopoly was acknowledged in 1609 (p. 101) when one William Ellis was restrained from teaching "gramer schollers" to the hindrance of the public schools, but permitted to teach "accidence" and other inferior books fit for children.

The repercussions of events of national history occupy little space in the Minutes but a few references to them may be

interesting. Charles II was toasted at the Market Cross on the 8th May 1660 (p. 120), four days after his proclamation in London, and the Corporation gave 10s. to the Warden of each Company, 5s. to each Maison Dieu as the local Almshouses were, and are still called, with 10s. to the Constables, to celebrate it. Both Charles and his royal brother were sent an address of congratulation on the failure of the Ryehouse plot (p. 170), and an address was presented to James II on his accession. There is no reference to William's accession in the Minute Book, the only entry in the records (p. 108) being the election of two members to serve in the Convention at Westminster on the 22nd January 1688-9 by virtue of a letter from the Prince of Orange. In December 1689, however (p. 180), the town was called upon to pay £14 disbursed by the Mayor for conveying wagons, ammunition and sick Danish soldiers lately landed at Hull.

The great plague of London gave rise to extraordinary precautions being taken to keep Beverley free from infection (pp. 136-139), but in spite of this it broke out in July 1665 by importation from Hull. The town was closed to strangers except by licence of the Mayor and two Governors; watch was kept throughout the town; all sickness had to be reported; swine found in the streets were to be killed by any one finding them; all cats and dogs in the neighbourhood of the Minster were killed; the inhabitants of Hull were forbidden entrance to the town, and assemblies of persons above ten at marriages, christenings and burials were forbidden. Though it had abated sufficiently in November of that year to permit of the restrictions being modified, it was still said to be raging in Cambridge in June 1666, so that the Beverley boys at the University were not allowed to come back to the town. Apparently a house belonging to the Corporation on the land known as the Trinities was used as a kind of isolation hospital for persons suspected of infection (pp. 118 and 139).

The religious troubles of the period find very little place in the Minutes, though occasional references occur, e.g., the displacement in 1680 of members of the Council for not receiving the Sacrament (p. 166), and the receipt of fines for Conventicles in 1686 (p. 176). Titus Oates cast a faint shadow over the town, for in November 1678 an order was made (p. 163) for watch to be kept nightly in each Ward and at each of the three principal Bars in respect of the dangers by a Popish plot lately discovered, horses having been heard passing through nightly no one knows on what business. Even the revocation of the edict of Nantes was reflected, somewhat unfortunately, in Beverley where several collections were made in the Churches in 1689 for the relief of French Protestants, but the then popular Vicar of St. Mary's (p. 172) purloined the proceeds and the Corporation procured his resignation under a threat of prosecution (p. 179).

In 1684 Lord Chief Justice Jeffreys was entertained by the Corporation whilst on circuit, shortly after the trial of Algernon Sidney.

Though there is no reference during this period to the ancient Minstrels' Guild of Beverley, whose last recorded Ordinances were made by the Corporation in 1555¹, the three town waits continued to be appointed until well into the eighteenth century and wore the three silver chains and badges of office (see at p. 16), reputed to be of fifteenth century workmanship, which are depicted on the figures carved on the "Minstrels' pillar" in St. Mary's Church. These chains are still in the possession of the Corporation. The waits were paid 18s. or 20s. a year, together with cloth and lace for cloaks, and combined their musical functions with that of watchmen in the winter, commencing their evening watch on the 1st October and their morning watch on the 25th October until the 1st February following.

Of sports and pastimes, apart from bull-baiting, there is little record, though there is an early reference in 1668 (pp. 142-144) to the provision of an annual plate for the celebrated Kippling Coats race, which is still run over the ancient course; and to the Beverley Races in 1690 (p. 180) when a course was laid out on Westwood. In 1667 the gentry of the town obtained permission to take sods from the common pasture of Swinemoor to make a bowling green.

It would be possible to continue to comment on the matters of interest contained in this volume far beyond the limits of an introduction, and it is hoped that the index may give a more adequate indication of its contents and assist in tracing the history of any particular matter.

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
BEVERLEY,
February, 1933.

¹ Poulson, *Beverlac*, p. 302.

Beverley Borough Records,

1575—1821

PART I

THE SMALL ORDER BOOK, 1575—1583

[The Small Order Book, 1575-1583, paper, in modern leather binding, 11½ inches by 8½ inches, numbering 214 leaves, the last 27 leaves badly torn; 79 leaves are blank.]

f. 1. 1575. WHEREAS yt is graunted by Or Soveraign Lady the Queenes Maiestie unto the Maior Governors and Burgesses of our Towne of Beverley by especiall woords in Her Highnes Charter under the Great Seale of Inglande, in the xvth yeare of Her Maiesties reign: That the Maior and Governors of the same Towne or the greater parte of them for the tyme beynge shall have full power, facultye, abilytye and authoritye from tyme to tyme to make, constitute, ordayne and establyshe such lawes, institucōns, rytes and ordynances wch by them or the greater parte of them shalbe thought good, profytable & wholesome for the good rule, order and governement of the same towne and of all and singler the inhabitantes, artyfycers and residents whatsoever within the Towne afforesaid for the tyme beynge: By vertue whereof the xxvth of Aprill in the yeare of our Lorde 1575 It is ordered and establyshed for ever hereafter to remayne by Richarde Wylson, now Maior of the same towne, Richard Bullocke, Willm Farley, Rbarte Farer, Rbarte Browne, John Sympson, Gyles Spence, John Johnson, Richard Garbray, Henry Curdaix, Willm. Cox and John Raffles, eleven of the xii Governors of the same Towne, and by their whole assentes in manner & forme folowinge viz. That no manner of person or persons whatsoever comynge

and resortinge to the yearely and usuall faire holden there, called The Crosse fayre, and bringynge thither any manner of wares or marchandyzes to be sold & uttered in the said fayre, do sell, utter or exchange the said wares or marchandyzes or any parte thereof in any place or places whatsoever, eyther openly or privatelye to or with any manner of person or persons; or make any open shewe or view of the same, before the Monday in the morninge next before the week comonly called Rogacōn Week accordinge as hath bene accustomed heretofore without the remembrance of man, upon paine that every person and persons for the infringing and the breach of this Order shall lose and forfeit all such wares and marchandyzes so sold uttered or exchanged or otherwyse eyther openly or secretly put or conveyed awaye or else to pay such other fynes and amerciaments as by the said Maior and Governors of this Towne for the tyme beyng shalbe reasonably assessed.

And furd̄er yt is ordered and decreed by lyke assentes of the Maior and Governors before named, that no manner of person or persons at any tyme or tymes hereafter duringe the tyme and contynuance of the said Crosse fayre shall break, rayse, digge up or remove any stones or pavemente, or pytch any stowres, powles or staves in any street or streets in any place where now or hereafter the same Crosse fayre shalbe holden and kepte wthin the same Towne, in or without anye gutter or channell, to the intente to erecte, make, reare or set upp any bothe, shopp, stall or tente upon the same, upon such paine as by the discretion of the said Maior and Governors and their successors Maior and Governors of the same Towne for the tyme beyng shalbe assessed.

Rychard Wylson, Maior, Rychard Bullocke, Rbt Farer, Robart Browne, John Sympson, Gyles Spence, John Johnson, Rychard Garberay, Henry Curdaykes.

[Folios 2 to 5 blank].

f. 6. Receipts in the Corte of Recorde in the tyme of Robarte Farer, Maior.

Octavo October Anno Dm 1576.

In p̄mis receaved of Wm. Kyrkeby for condempnacōn	viiid.
Itm. rec. of John Sherewood pro con ¹¹	viiid.
	John Truslove.

Sessyons of the peace holden ix October 1575 [? 1576]

In p̄mis rec. of Steven Cayme for discharge of recognizaunce	iis. iiid.
Rec. of John Endycke for discharge of recognyzaunce	(blank)
Rec. of M'tyn Dixson for a fray	ixd.
Rec. of Robte Ingleton for a lycence to bye grayne	xiid.
	S̄ma iiiis.

Sheryve turne x October 1576.

In p̄mis for essoignes

xs. id.

John Truslove.

xv Octobr 1576.

Rec. for v concords of sundry p̄sons straungers and one
burgesse.

iiis. viiid.

Itm. rec. for ii judgemts

viid.

Rec. for an essoign

iid.

S̄ma iiis. vid.

John Truslove.

xxii October 1576.

In p̄mis rec. of John Laines, plt. against Rychard Wright,
defend. for a venire

viid.

Itm. rec. of Robt. Wmson. plt. against Wm. Blenkhorne,
def. for a venire

viid.

Itm. rec. of Wm. Thomson, plt. against Robt. Gybson, def.
for a venire

viid.

Itm rec. of John Burton & John Haunce for a concord

viid.

Itm rec. of Rich. Webster & John Baddy for a concord

viid.

Itm rec. of Wm. Kyrkeby, plt. for judgmt against John
Carsley, deft.

iiid.

S̄ma iiis. iiid.

John Truslove.

29th October 1576. Seven items of 8d. each and one of 4d.
for concords; and one of 4d. for "confessyon."

f. 7. 5th November [1576]. Three items of 8d. each for
concords; and one of 4d. for a concord from Peter Pape, burgess.¹

12th November 1576. One concord at 8d.

26th November 1576. Three concords at 8d.; one concord
at 4d.; one condempnacon 8d.; three venires 8d.

[and so on at regular weekly Courts down to the 7th January
1576-7, the normal fee for a concord, judgement, venire or con-
dempnacon being 8d. and in a few cases in which the plaintiff
is usually described as a Burgess, 4d.]

f. 8. 7th January 1576[-7]—records that from the 1st of
October 1576 until the 7th of January then next following

Rec of Chris. Thornaby for warrant of attorney

xxviis. xd.

Rec of Richard Wyvell pro con¹¹

xxiis. viiid.

Rec of Wm Gryme xi March for streign fees

xxviis. iiid.

Rec of Wm Richardson pro con¹¹

xxs. vid.²

S̄ma iii¹¹ xviiis. iiid.

15th January 1576[-7]. Sessio pacis. Four receipts of 3s.
and two of 2s. 3d. and one of 8d. for discharge of recognizances;
four of 1s. for fynes. Total 21s. 2d.

¹ Apparently a burgess suing in the local Court was charged half price.

² Thornaby and Wyvell were the Attornies of the Court of Record and
Gryme and Richardson under Sergeants.

21st January 1576[-7]. One concord at 4d.; two condempnacons at 8d.; three judgements at 4d. Total 2s. 8d.

[and so on at weekly courts down to 13th May 1577, as before—only unusual items will be noticed].

f. 9. 14th February [1576-7]. Rec. of Chris. Bonner for brewing without lycence 19s. the same to remain until the next Sessions upon further consideration.

21st February 1576[-7]. Jo. Robinson was fined 3s. 4d. for brewing unlycenced.

f. 10. 1st April A.D. 1577. Rec. for dyvers recognizances taken of the boochers and vyttaylers. £10. 2s. 10d.

12th April 1577. Sessio Pacis. Rec. of dyvers persons 26s. 11d. and 8d. for discharge of a recognizance.

***f. 12.* New burgesses entered in the tyme of Mr. Farer, Maior.**

Willm. Franckeland, gent. entered his burgesseshipp the viiiith day of October 1576. John and Rychard his sonnes and Marye and Elbz. his daughters excluded. xxxs. pd. and qt.

[In following admissions when children are excluded in this way, the words "quia ante genit" are usually added; the rule being that only children born after the parent's admission as a freeman were entitled to be admitted to burgess-ship by right of birth].

Valentyne Browne, sadler, borne burgess, entered his burgesship the xvth day of November 1576 without children. Jur.

John Pecket, sonne to Rbte Pecket, cordyner, entered his burgesship the xviith of January 1576, borne burgess, and sworne.

Henry Walker, late prentyce to Wm Webster, tanner, by the space of vii yeares, entered his burgesship the said xviith of January. Suretyes Martyn Marre, Rbt. Walker, cordyner.

Twelve others registered, including a "panyerman," a "cardmaker," two glovers, a salter, a blacksmyth, a hardwareman and three yeomen.

Several of them had named children excluded "quia ante genit."

One Edward Hammerby, yeoman, was admitted with a note that William his son, aged 6 weeks, was then also accepted and allowed free.

Richard Glenthams entered his burgesship and was licenced by the Mayor and the Governors "to weare the Lyverye of his M^r. that now ys or any other that he shall hereafter serve being the Quenes lawfull subjects."

Payments are mentioned in only five cases, viz.: three 40/- one 26/- and one 20/- the remainder being "borne burgess."

***f. 13.* Receipts of the Court of Record** from the 20th May 1577 to the 25th June 1577 then follow, the various weekly receipts being 2s. 4d., 5s. 4d., 1s. 4d., 2s. 4d., and 13s. 3d.

The entries for 25th June 1577 include two fines of 2s. 6d. each against Wm Allanson and Wm Scott for baking against the statute and fines of 3d., 6d., and 6d. against Isabell Langthorn, Ux. Browne and Ux. Cooke for the like; also Thomas Grene 1s. for not paying to the poor; and Tho. Tweddle and Rich. Burton 2s. 6d. each for a "fray."

f. 14. Orders made by the Mayor and Governors in the year 1576.

8th November [1576]. Memorandum. Yt is ordered by Mr Maior and Governors his brethren that no otemeall maker or otemeall seller eyther brother of that occupacon or contrybutor shall carry or send to the Toune of Hull above one quarter of otemeal on the Market Day there, that is to say, one quarter on the Tewysday and the other quarter on the Fryday; under penalty of 3s. 4d.

No tallow candle-maker shall sell any candles either in the Market or elsewhere above 3½d. the pound. Penalty 3s. 4d.

12th November 1576. No person shall wash any clothes or other things in the street within 40 foote after the standerd of the well at the Crosbrigg whereby the well and water may be corrupted. Penalty 3s. 4d.

22nd November [1576]. Anthony Hall, laborer, shall depart out of this towne and the precincts thereof before Candlemas next.

26th November 1576. Recites that of late there was a matter in controversy and varyance commenced by Willm Kyrkeby, ptf. against John Carseley, def. for xxis. in the Quene's Maiestyes Cort holden before Mr. Maior and the Governors, in which sute the said Carseley was by thorder of the same Cort condempned by default and thereupon a processe of executyon was awarded against his goods, by reason whereof Willm Gryme, deputy sergeant of the towne, did take one cove for the same debt of the goods of the said Carseley Upon which 26th November, Mr Maior at the request of Martyn Rosse, gentleman, and three others who then promised before Mr Maior to see the debt discharged to Kyrkeby, upon consideration whereof did take order that the said cove shold be delivered to Roger Browne to the use of Isabell Carseley, daughter to Robert Carseley. Signed by Martyn Rosse and the others.

f. 15. 27th December 1576. An Order reciting a previous order that no burgess should put any horse or cattle in the new hagge before the Annunciation of Our Lady next coming; yet upon further consideration, ordered that from henceforth every burgess may have in the same hagge one gelding nagge or mare beinge his own proper goods and cattall until the Mayor and Governors shall think otherwise good.

21st February 1576[-7]. Memorandum of an Order made by the Mayor and six named Governors, by the assent and consent

of Richard Blaunchard, otemeall maker, and warden of the same scyence and the rest of the fraternytye, that the otemeal makers shall furnish the market weekly with otemeall every of them according to their occupying, at the price and rate of viiid. the peck, the said occupyers to be vewed and searched weekly for there said occupying by the Alderman of the same faculty and iiij or iij of the brethren, and to bring into the Market every market day such quantytye of otemeall as shall be thought reasonable; and yf Mr Maior and his brethren shall by the rysing of the price of otes see occasion to give a higher price it shall be done by dyscretyon of Mr Maior and the Governors; And then the said otemeall makers, observing the price rated to them from time to time, shall be allowed to sell and carrye as much otemeall elsewhere as they will, provided that the market be weekly furnished, as well on the weekday as on the market days; and making void all ordinances heretofore made to the contrary. Penalty for offending against this Order 6s. 8d. unto the Maior, Governors and Commonalty of the Town. Yf any inhabyter do find himself greeved he may complaine to Mr Maior who shall refer the offence to the Alderman, who shall enquire into it and report to Mr Maior under penalty of 6s. 8d.

Last day of February 1576[-7]. Memorandum that Robert Bell and four others, arbitrators for the matters late in controversy between William Allanson, plaintiff, and Robert Pynder, defendant, have arbitrated that the said parties setting all matters in debate between them, and all "evell will and mallyce" shall be from henceforth "lovers and frends" and so henceforth shall continue, and if henceforth either of them shall renew any former grudge, the offender shall forfeit £5 to the Mayor and Governors of the Town without any forgiveness.

f. 16. 11th March 1576[-7]. Memorandum that Robert Wyllanson hath promised to build one house in Keldgate, lately taken down by him, in good and sufficient manner before Michaelmas next upon pain of £10.

20th March 1576[-7]. Order by the Mayor and nine named Governors that if at any time any variance or controversy arise between any of the twelve Governors, the same shall be discussed, judged and determined by the residue of them, and whosoever of the parties in controversy shall "repugne" or withstand this decree and ordinance shall forfeit £10 without any remission.

f. 16a. 12th May, 1576. Order made by Wm. Farley, Mayor, and eleven named Governors, that from henceforth all this whole Town of Beverley as they be one bodye Corporate polytyk so the same whole towne and bodye polytyk shall pay and be liable for the payment of all taxes and fifteenths and all other charges either for the Parishes or Toune which the Towne shall hereafter be charged with allbeyt by Act of Parlyament or by Our Soverayne the Queen notwithstanding any other division,

separation, fee or otherwise heretofore used; under penalty [incomplete].

10th June 1577. Thomas Nycholson admitted to be the hyrd of Fegang [one of the common pastures of the town]. Sureties that he shall do all things which to Mr Maior and the Governors shall seem convenient, George and John Cowper.

17th July 1577. Order by the Mayor and Governors and by the assent of James Adamson, glover, that the said James shall depart from the howse wherein he now dwelleth, and shall clearely avoid the same with all his household stuf before Michaelmas next, at the furdest.

f. 17a. Receyts for the Towne in the tyme of Robart Farer, Maior.

15th November. Rec. of Rbt. Clarke for 3 trees in Westwood sold to Mr. Wright of Welwyck 39s. 4d.; Willm Mallevy for 2 fines for disobedience against his brethren 18d.; James Hartas for a horse going in the Hyrne against the Order 12d.

22nd November. Rec. of the Alderman of the otemeall-makers for a fine taken of James Hartas for disobedience against the Alderman 20d.; of the said James for abusing his Alderman in "woords" 6d.; Leonard Burgon, otemeallmaker, for carrying "otes" to Hull against the order 3s. 4d.; John Laynes for disobedience against his Alderman 20d.; John Levyt, cordyner, for a "pece of lether unsealed" 12d. Total 8s. 2d.

29th November 1576. Rec. of Anthony Whytehaue for his horse going in the new hagge and cutting wood there against the order 2s.

6th December. Rec. of John Reade for his gutters uncleaned 3d.; three others for the like at 3d.; Humfray Wylson for a fyne 12d.

f. 18. 10th December 1576. Rec. of the butchers for licence to have their sheep to depasture in Swynemoore untill Candlemas next 2s. 6d.

13th December. Receaved of Thomas Green, for non-appearance 6d.; and of William Wawne, the like 2d.

20th December 1576. Rec. of James Hartas for disobedience 12d.; and of Edw. Harper for uttering otemeall against the order 8d.

10th January 1576[-7]. Rec. of Peter Harpham for his cart standing in the street 3d.; five fines for gutters uncleaned 3d. each; Wm Greetham for cutting down wood in Westwood without licence 1s.; Ewd. Holmes for carrying wood out of Westwood without licence 6d.; Robt. Colson for non-appearance 3d.; Chro. Thornaby for felling of wood in a "cockshott" 3d.; and of Humfrey Wilson for certain forfeited shoes 2s. Total 5s. 6d.

Court of Record. 14th January 1576[-7]. Rec. for 6 venires at 8d. each; a concord for a burgess 4d.; two concords at 8d.; and a nonsuit 8d. Total 6s. 4d.

Pound money. Received two items of 1s., one of 14d. and one of 6d.

11th July 1577. Rec. of Robt. Gossep for baking against the statute 6d.; and of Wydow Wattson the like 4d.

f. 19. 17th January 1576[-7]. Rec. of John Parkinson for a non-appearance 3d.; Rbt. Colson for a taylor that wrought in house against the order 6d.; three fines for gutters uncleansed 8d.; two fines of 6d. for carrying wood forth of Westwood; Chro. Thornaby for a bend of forfeited lether 20d.; Wm Richardson for a front of forfeited lether 6d.; for two pieces of a horsehide 6d.; James Ryddisdaile for leather forfeited 4d. Total 5s. 5d. [In the margin, against the items of forfeited leather "forren receits."]

24th January 1576[-7]. Rec. of Rbt. Pecket for a horse going in the new hagge against the order 12d.; and of the Maisters of Westwood for the driving of the new hagge 4s. 8d. Total 5s. 8d.

31st January 1576[-7]. Rec. of Alexander Fletcher for one nagge going in the new hagge against the order 12d.; three fines of 3d. for nonapparaunce; Humfray Wylson and Rbt. Pinder for horses going in the new hagge 12d. and 3d. Total 3s.

7th February 1576[-7]. Rec. of Wm Woodd for a horse going in the new hagge against the order 12d.; James Hartas, otemeall maker, for drying "otes" upon the Saboth day 3s. 4d.; an otemeall maker for his upset 12d.; a fine for nonappearance 6d.; and Richard Arnoldson for 6 horses in the new hagge above his stynte 5s. Total 10s. 10d.

14th February 1576[-7]. Rec. of James Ryddisdaill, otemeall maker, for a fine 6d.

21st February 1576[-7]. Rec. of Chr. Ovington & James Hartas, otemeale makers, for a fine 2s.

f. 20. Same Date. Rec. of Mr. Maior for 2 stump trees in Westwood of Martin Marr & his fellows 5s.; Nycholas Fletcher, tanner, for a cowhide untanned 3s. 4d. [In margin "forren rec."]

7th March 1576[-7]. Rec. of Mr. Raffles for one half year's rent due for the Trynities at Candlemas last past 30s.

15th March 1576[-7]. Rec. of Rbte Atkinson, weaver, for a fyne for dysobedyence towards his Alderman 20d.

21st March 1576[-7]. Rec. of Edmond Settrington for shepe going in Westwood against thorder 6d.

23rd May 1577. Rec. of the Maisters of the Woods [in margin "Westwood"] and Pastures for kydds and thorns in parcell of a more somme £6; the same for the dryving of Swynemoore 53s. 4d.; and Fegang 50s.; James Ryddisdaile for a contribution to the otemeall makers 2s.; two others for the like of 2s., and five of 1s.; and 18d. from Raulf Wryght, glover, for a contrybucon.

6th June 1577. Rec. of Humfray Wylson for a geld horse and a mare going in Westwood against thorder 12d.; Rbt. Settrington for cutting of saughes in Westwood unlycenced 12d.; Rbt. Pecket, cordyner, for opprobrious woords against his Warden 10d.; John Whelpdayll and Raulf Knaggs for 3 old planks wch was in the butchers' shambles 2s.; 2s. from Richard Sherwood for 3 old plancks.

f. 21. John Fetherstone for 2 peces of 2 plancks 4d.; James Amers for the chipps of 2 trees 6d.; John Hall, pewtherer, for a fyne 10d.; Rbt Atkinson for carrying wood out of Westwood 4d.; and Thomas Purdon, wright, the like 4d. Total 9s. 2d.

Same day. Rec. more of a myller of Walkington for a "wafe" mare going in the new hage 4s.

10th June 1577. Rec. of Edm. Ellynton, tyler, for a fyne 12d.

13th June 1577. Rec. of John Akersall for his servante carrying okeboughes owt of Westwood 4d.; Rbte Clarke and his felowes Overseers of Westwood for the dryving of the same Pasture 37s. 8d.; Richard Tweed, weaver, for a fyne 12d.; Rbte. Clarke for his horse going in Westwood against the order 4d.; and John Brackan for his burgesship, and quyt 30s. Total 59s. 4d.

21st June 1577. Rec. of John Harryson, myller, for a horse in Westwood above his stynt 3d.

27th June 1577. Rec. of Thomas Pickering and John Watson, blacksmys, for a fyne 12d.; and of Thomas Maskall for his burgesship, and quytt 26s.

4th July 1577. Rec. of Richard Thornlay for his burgeshipp, and quitt 30s.; Richard Wyddyfield for a fyne for having in Westwood cattall above his stynt (blank); Raulf Knaggs and Fraunces Hardye, fynes of 6d. for a beast and geld horse in Westwood above their stynt; Rbt Clarke and his felowes for the second dryving of Westwood 5s. 2d.; and of Raulf, Mr. Brockdon's man, upholdster, for a standing in the Crosfaire 25s. Total £3. 1s. 2d.

11th July 1577. Rec. of Wm Stubbes for a geld horse in Westwood against thorder 6d.; James Stockhill for the like 6d.; John Parkinson, boocher, for killing a bull unbayted against thorder 2s. Total 3s.

Same day. Rec. of Chrofer. Spaulding & Richard Sherewood for certen old planks & other offall of wood 6s. 8d.

f. 22. Promisses made before Mr. Maior 1576.

8th November. Md. That Thomas Turner hath promissed before Mr. Maior & the Governors to pay to Anne Standup, widow, the som of nyne shillings. viiid. at the Feast of the Puryfycatyon of O^r Lady and Easter next by equall porcons, without funder delay.

15th November. Rowland Rychardson hath promissed etc. to pay unto Robarte Clarke before Christmas next iiiis. without delay.

Raulf Ganton hath promissed the same day to pay unto Rowland Richardson at Candlemas and Easter next xis without further delay.

29th November. Henry Booth hath promised before Mr. Maior to putt in suffycient Suretyes to dyscharge Peter Harpham and thexecutrs of Wm Colson against Rbt Pyckeringe for iii^l due unto him for his child's porcon before Candlemas next and the said Henry to have paid him all such the rest of the money as ys due of the said porcon.

Henry X Bootthes mark.

29th November. Md. that all matters in controversy betwene Thomas Lynds and George Robson ys put to thorder of John Newton, Rbt Williamson John Parkinson and Rbt Chapman, glover, and to present the same before Mr. Maior on Thursday next.

10th and 17th January. Memoranda of two similar promises to pay debts, one at "Crosdaies" [Rogation days] and the other before "thannunciation."

3rd December 1576. Memorandum of an acknowledgement of a debt owing by Francis Burton, joyner, Wyllm Burton, joyner, and James Peacocke, wheelwright, to the Mayor and Governors and agreement to pay the sum owing (four pounds) by two equal portions on the 3rd October next and 3rd February 1578. Signed by the debtors. [This Memorandum struck out].

f. 23. 6th December A.D. 1576. Memorandum of an Order by the Mayor and the Governors That Chrofer Thornaby, the Mace bearer, shall from the feast of St. Mighell tharchannge last past have for his yearely fee and annuall wages for the executyon of the said offyce the somme of vi^l xiii^s iii^d to be paid unto him quarterly fourth of the revenues & yssues of the Towne And also shall have one yeard and an haulf of Southeren cloth called broad cloth of a reasonable pryce to make him one Lyverey coate against the feast of the Natyvity of O^r Lord God at the onely and proper costs and charges of the Maior of the Towne for the tyme beinge yearely in the foresaid consideracon over and besides his meate and dryncke to be allowed him fourth of the Maior's dyet.

Md. Promise by Nichas. Fletcher and John Wynchup to pay to Raulf Freeman the sum of £8 in the Feast of Philipp and James Apostles beyng the first day of May next.

10th December 1576. Ordered and arbytrated by Chro. Rosdaill and three others named, arbytrators appointed betwene John Headon, plaintiff and Rich. Constable, def. That the said def. shall pay unto the said plaintiff the sum of 13s. in manner following, on Chremas Even next 6s. 6d. and upon Palme Soneven 6s. 6d. and eyther of the said persons to dyscharge

the other of all matters sutes & quarrells heretofore depending between them for ever.

13th December 1576 and 31st January. Three promises to pay debts.

f. 24. 7th February 1576[-7]. Md. That Rbt Clark came before the Maior and the Governors and complained of certen wrongs that he had susteyned by a geld horse then in controversye betweene Thomas Large & Richard Webster wch neyther of the said parties chalenge any property upon. Therefore yt is ordeyned by Mr. Maior and the Governors that the said Rbt Clark shall have the said horse in keeping untill the said controversye be determyned and shalbe answered for his charges.

Same day. Promise to pay a debt of 10s. at thannuncyation of Or Ladye next.

Last day of February 1576[-7]. Nichas. Wyllmot promised to pay unto the Churchwardens of Saint Maryes 16s. 8d. by four annual instalments at Pentecost, which he owed unto the same Church as appears by a bill thereof bearing date the last day of May P. et M. 3 and 4.

7th March 1576[-7]. Promise by Thomas Pyckering, blacksmith, to pay a debt of 16s. owing to Philip Wade, saddler, at Whitsonday and St. James day next.

Same day. Promise by Willm. Rayner, yeoman, to pay unto the Maior, Governors & Burgesses of this Towne the som of 16s. before Mighelmas next, the which 16s. was owing by Richard Byllop late of Beverley deceased.

21st March 1576[-7]. Thomas Robinson, baker, promised to pay in the hanshous¹ before the feast of St. Mathew the Apostle next folowinge 8s. 2d. and before the same Feast in the year 1578 8s. 2d. to the use of the Maior, Governors and Burgesses, which he oweth in respect of certen goods of Bryan Sparow deceased; which Bryan Sparow did wyfullye distroye himself in pryson.

2nd May 1577. Thomas Sympson, waterman, promised to pay in the hannsehouse unto Uxor Davison at the Sunday before Wison Sondag next cominge 15s. and other 15s. of the Sunday after Midsomer day next cominge.

9th May 1577. Henry Wyggleswourth, waterman, promised to pay unto Thomas Sympson, waterman, or his assigns, the somme of £6 in manner & form following: That the said Henry shall serve the said Thomas Sympson or his assignes in the traid of botyman whensoever the said Thomas shall reasonably call and demaund the same uppon him so that the same traid be to the proper use of the said Thomas Sympson And for every 3s. that the said Henry shall yearne or addle² of the said Thomas, the said Henry shall pay unto him 12d. and so from tyme to tyme untill the said £6 be fully dyscharged and contented, whereof and of which payment

¹ "Guildhall" is first used in this book at *f.* 190.

² To earn; in Yorkshire, labourer's wages.

of the said sum there shalbe an entaile kept in woodd for the better knowledge of the foresaid concord and payment.

f. 25. 9th May to 27th June 1577. Six more promises to pay debts, one of them "At the feast of St. Peter thadvincle commonly called Lammas," and one by 12 weekly instalments of 4d.

f. 26. 10th January 1576[-7]. One cockshotte dymised to Wm Greetham being nere unto the shoemakers' pytt in Westwood.

One cockeshott late in the occupyeng of Mr. Bullock dymised the same day to Robt Bell.

4th July 1577. John Newton & Willm Dickson, carpenters, promised to pay unto Alex. Fletcher, draper, for the debt of James Peacock, whelewright, the somme of 20s. 2d.

18th July 1577. Willm. Richardson, glover, promised to pay his fyne for a horse in Westwood upon Thursday next.

f. 27. 8th August 1577. Anthony Carter, tailor, came before the Mayor and Governors and promised to pay William Michell, draper, either 8s. in money or deliver three skins bequeathed to him by Edmund Gylby, yeoman, deceased, within one month Also William Michell promised to deliver to Anthony Carter all the glass in the window towards the high street within a month, or to pay for the same as shall be judged by one or two skilful glaziers. Also the said Anthony shall pay to William for the board and tabling of William Gilby, nephew of the said Edmund, after the rate of 12d. weekly for the time that he was with him; and for the winding sheet of the said Edmund 2s.

f. 28. 23rd May 1577. **Searchers sworn, viz.—**

Taylors: John Jenkinson, Willm. Allanson. *Cordyners:* John Robinson, John Farley. *Tanners:* Marmaduke Garbray, Thomas Waller. *Walkers, Hatters, etc.:* Wm. Jenkinson, Robt Blanchard. *Glovers:* Thomas Tennt, Robt Chapman.

10th June. **Searchers sworn, viz.—**

Brycklayers: Willm Kytchin, Roger Cole. *Brasyers:* Richard Wyttyfield, Henry Dove. *Cowpers, boyers, & fletchers:* Thomas Grene, Anthony Haworth. *Bakers:* Roger Lanndye, Steven Cayme. *Drapers:* George Barthram, Robt Bell. *Barbers, &c.:* Tho. Cowling, Tho Skayles. *Boochers:* Richard Bell, Willm Chapman. *Wrights:* John Newby, Willm. Dickson. *Smythes:* Robt Lucas (mort.), Thomas Newcome (interlined), Leonarde Smythe. *Weavers:* Thomas Turner, Edw. Atkinson.

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f. 29a. 1st June 1577. **Record.** Rec. of Wm. Kitchen, pltf. against Thomas Tennt, def. for the breaking of a wrytt 2s. 6d.; divers persons for six venires 4s.; other two venires 8d. each; two burgesses for concords 4d. each; a concord 8d. and a condempnacon [no amount]. Total 11s. 2d.

2nd July 1577. *Sessio pacis.* Discharge of recognizance 3s.; unlicensed brewing 5s. Total 8s.

4th July 1577. Walter Brockton for buying and selling of sheepe in the market, and selling the same again 15s.; Anthony Howarth for brewing against the statute 5s.; Richard Greenup, the like 2s. 6d. Total 22s. 6d.

f. 30. 5th July 1577. Rec. of Rich. Blanchard, otemeall maker, because his wife made a ryot 20d.

8th July 1577. Two concords at 8d. and one at 4d. 3; condempnacōn at 8d.; one judgement 2s. Total 5s. 8d.

15th July 1577. One concord (a Burgess) 4d. and two at 8d.; one condempnacōn 8d. Total 2s. 4d.

18th July 1577. Rec. of Willm. Gryme [under Sergeant] in parcell of the extracts for the sessions last Michaelmas 13s.; the same for extracts of the Sheriffs Turne 20s. 4d.; the same, parcel of extracts of the Xmas Sessions 28s.; the same for streigne fees 7th Jan. to 8th July 45s.; Rec. of Wm. Richardson, streigne fees for the same time 42s.; Chris. Thornaby [attorney] Warrant of Attorney for the same time £3. 7s. 4d.; Richard Wyvell, the same 47s. 8d.; Robert Raffles for Brewers' fines the same day £6. 2s. 8d.

f. 31. 29th July 1577. Various concords; venire; condemnations and judgements. Total 4s.

5th August 1577. 10 similar items 4s. 10d.; Pound money recovered of Thos Hick 20d.

12th August to the 30th September 1577. Receipts at weekly courts under similar items ranging from 1s. to 6s.

f. 33a. Thursday sittings. 8th August, 1577. Willm. Lowson of Brandesburton, butcher, for selling flesh in the market not marketable, 6d.; and for a colt and fylly going in the new hagge 3s. 6d.

22nd August 1577. Willm. Blenkarne, coverlett weaver, for an upsett 20d.; John Levyt, cordiner, a fyne 6d. more of the same John for a paire of shoes, made of unlawfull stuffe 4d.; and Humfray Wilson for a fine for a paire of shoes unlawfully wrought 6d. Total 3s.

19th August 1577. Jo Pynckney, tylor, for a fyne, 10d.

5th September 1577. Thomas Lowther, tayler, for dyvers upsetts taken of dyvers of the same scyence. 18s. 8d.; and 2 bouchers for 2 bulls kylled unbayted, 3/- Total 21s. 8d.

12th September 1577. Seven items of 4d. each for "dogges unmussled."

f. 34. 16th September 1577. Edward Hammerby, yeoman, for his burgess money 30s.

19th September 1577. Wm. Hayles, blacksmyth, for his burgesship 28s.; overseers of the Pastures for the dryvinge of the pasture of Westwood and for swyne unringed 18s. besides 4s. paid to the Overseers for charges and to Rbt. Raffles wief for delivery.

Rec. of the Overseers of the Pastures for woods and thornes in Westwood 51s. 5d. Total £4 : 17 : 5.

Rec. of the Townshipp of Bentley for shodcartts 6s.

1st October 1577. Bartylmew Turner 46s. 8d. for sommes due to the Maior and Governors for Thomas Hardye's £20 dew today; whereof paid to Raulf Freeman to the use of Thomas Hardye's chyl dren 40s., so remayneth, 6s. 8d.; of John Sharp 13s. 4d. in parcell of 40s. for a burgesship; of Francis Burton and two others in parcell of £4 by them owing to the hanshous in Mr. Fayrer's Maioralty 39s. 6d.; and of the Town bouchers for kylling of calves against the statute 10s.

10th October 1577. Rec. of Chro. Spaulding for 11 stone of leade taken from the prison house 11s.; and 16d. for chippes and bowes.

17th October 1577. Rec. of Uxor Middleton and Robert Clark for leading Westwood kydds and Londoners' wares the year last past. 40s.

29th October 1577. **Record.** Chrofer. Thornaby and Richard Wyvell for warrants of attorney from 18th July last untill Michelms. then following. 16s. each; for warrant of attorney owing by Richard Wyvell at his last accompt. 17s. 8d.; and Wm. Richardson for streign fees in the same time 14s. Total £3. 3. 8.

Thursday Sittings. Edwd. Thompson, 9th December, for shodcartts due in Mr. Fayrer's time. 33s. 6d.; and of the naylers for a contribution 3s. 4d.

f. 35. 29th October 1577. A baker for a fyne 12d.; Thomas Robinson for a debt due for a parcell of a dyadante [deodand] at St. Mathew day last 8s. 2d.; and of the alderman of the bakers for the want of waight of bread this yere 10s. 8d. Total 19s. 10d.

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f. 37. 23rd Septembr. 1577. **The election of the Mayor of Beverley upon Monday, the 23rd September.**

Edwarde Ellerker, ar., Robte. Browne, John Sympson, Gyles Spence, John Johnson, Richard Garbray, Henry Curdaix, Willm. Cox, John Raffles.

Robte. Browne. Maior, Elected and sworne.

The names of all the xii Governors and Counsailors of Beverley.

Edw: Ellerker, ar., Richarde Bullocke, Richarde Wilson, Willm. Farley, Robarte Fayrer, John Sympson, Giles Spence, John Johnson, Richard Garbray, Henry Curdaix, Willm. Cox, John Raffles [and in another hand] John Truslove¹ 1st July 1578.

Officers elected and apointed for the Towne's Use the foresaid day & yere.

Auditors: Mr. Bullocke, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Farley, Mr. Fayrer, Mr. Spence, Mr. Cox, Richard Marke, Thomas Wilberforce, John Fletcher, John Ackersall, John Whelpdaill, Raulf Freeman.

¹ John Truslove replaced Henry Curdaix, see Folio 40 (p. 16).

Receavors: Robte Ingleton, Jur. Stephan Smayles, Jur.

Surveyors of Westwoodd: Mr. Bullocke, Mr. Wilson. Maisters of the same: Robte. Gossep, Raulf Knagges, Surveyors of Fegange & Swynemoore: Mr. Sympson, Mr. Raffles. Maisters of the same: Tho. Walker, Alex. Fletcher. Surveyors of the Townes works: Mr. Fayrer, Mr. Spence. Maisters of the same: Philip Wade, Martin Atmarr.

f. 38. Surveyors of the Mynsters works: Mr. Farley, Mr. Johnson. Maisters of the same works: John Truslove, Willm. Chapman.

The names of the Constables elected for the towne of Beverley the same daye.

Wthout northbarres: John Greene, Thomas Drye. Wthin northbarres: Peter Pape, Willm. Johnson. Saterday Market: John Hall, Frauncis Hardye. Walkergate & Hengate: Wm Allanson, James Stockhill. Tolgavell: Martin Cornewell, Thomas Nesse. Fishmarket: John Ellay, Tho. Otes, mort¹. Willm. Tweddle. Lairgate & Newbigge: Willm. Kitchin, Henry Cole. Kelgate & Minster: Thomas Bynnes, John Randall. Flemingate: Richard Greeup, John Levit, John Butler². Southside becke & barlyholme: Edward Goole, Robte. Chapelow. Northsidebecke: Richard Chapman, John Smythe. Norwood: Edw Atkinson, John Metcalf.

The names of the Constables of the Villages depending elected at the Courte Leete holden the Second day of October.

Woodmansey: Chrofer Raigne. Weele: John Martin. Thurne: John Thompson. Hulbrige, Stork & Sandholme: Chrofer Donckan. Tyckton: Wm. Wyly. Mollescrofte: Thomas Berryman.

f. 39. **The names of the officers in the Courte of Recorde, eod: anno:**

Roger Spence, baylyf; Edward Lawson, Clerke of the Corte; Chrofer Thornabye, Atturney; Richard Wyvell, Atturney; Willm: Gryme and Willm: Richardson, undersergeantes.

The names of the Officers for the Towne, eod. anno.

Chrofer Thornabye, Masebearer; John Stable, Towne Clarke; Robte. Raffles, Common sergeant; Edward Thomson, Tolgatherer; Robte. Abbot, Belman; Roger Laundys, Servant for Westwood; Robte. Bunting, Clenser of the Market, Edward Lee, Neathird of Westwood; Thomas Nicholson, Neathyrd of Fegang; Gylberte Thomson, neatehyrd of Swynemoore, Robarte Gray, Swyneherde.

Sealers of leather: Edward Thomson, James Ryddysdail,

¹ Tweddle replaced Otes on the latter's death.

² John Butler added at a later date,

The names of the xvii burgesses that are appointed for the dymise of leases.

1. Thomas Wilberforce, merchant; 2. Tho. Laundys, draper; 3. Tho. Settrington, boocher; 4. Robt Clarke; 5. Willm Dixson, carpenter; 6. Rich. Taylor, blacksmith; 7. Anthony Curtesse, taylor; 8. Wm Wakefield, bricklayer; 9. John Robinson, cordyner; 10. Thos. Cowling, barbour; 11. John Fletcher, tanner; 12. Edw: Harper, weaver; 14. Robt Gossep, glover; 15. John Cowper, cowper; 16. Nichās Cook, waterman; 17. Phillip Wade, saddler.

24th October 1577. *Histriones*. Robt Hunter, one chaine of sylver weyinge vi oz. and one cognyzance of sylver. Suretye for the restoring of the same James Hartas; Similarly John Smyth, a silver chain, $6\frac{1}{4}$ oz, and cognizance, Surety Martin Dixon; and Rich. Gregges, a silver Chain 6 oz and cognizance, Surety Willm. Dixon. Also each of the said Waytes stands bond for the others for redelivering the Chains.

f. 40. 1st July 1578. Mr. Henry Curdaix, one of the 12 Governors, was discharged of office on his removal to Berwick upon Tweed, and on the same day the Mayor and Governors elected John Truslove in his place out of three put upon election for the office.

***f. 41.* Receipts in the Court of Record in the Mayoralty of Robte Browne.**

Sheryve turne holden the Second day of October 1577.

Receaved of sundry persons for essoignes. 8s.

[Then follow details of receipts at the weekly Courts of Record, as before, from 7th October 1577 to 29th September 1578. Only unusual items will be noticed. The weekly totals (except the last) are all signed Robert Ingleton, one of the Receivers appointed. *f. 37*].

f. 43. 19th December 1577. Officers' fees—Chrō. Thornaby for warrant of attorney 27s. and Wm. Richardson for arreasts 30s. Total 57s.

14th January 1577[-8]. *Sessio Pacis*. Discharge of recognizances five at 3s. and two from burgesses of $\frac{2}{3}$; and a fyne for buyeing corne against the Statute. 9s. Total. 29s. 6d.

f. 44. *Chrofer*. Pinder for a fray 5s. 4d.; Robt Fasther the like $\frac{5}{4}$; Tho. Smythe the like 20d. and — Dowson, the like 9d. Total 13s. 1d.

23rd January 1577[-8]. The said Michaelmas Sessyons.

For buying corn against the statute:—Philip Wade $\frac{2}{3}$; Tho. Landyffe 15d.; Tho Metcalf (blank); Robt Clarke 7d. For brewing unlicensed:—Tho. Nesse (blank). For disorder in Church:—Wm. Langhorne 3/-; Wm. Curtisse $\frac{3}{4}$; Wm. Mappleton $\frac{3}{4}$; For a fraye, Christofer Fewle 15d.; For skolding, Agnes Atkinson 12d.

13th February 1577[-8]. Richard Wyvell in parcell of 28s. for attorney fees from 7th October last untill 16th December following 20s.

f. 44. 20th January 1577[-8]. James Aslaby for pound money 4/8; Richard Reid, for the like 2/4

f. 45. 3rd February 1577[-8]. Fletcher for pound money 2/- and Ganton for the like 10d.

6th February 1577[-8]. Dyvers persons for defaults &c presented at the last Sessyons 18s. 11d. In the left hand margin 24s. 8d.

10th February 1577[-8]. Defaults of the last Sessyons 4s. 10d. and 6s. 11d. Total 10s. 9d. (*sic*).

f. 46. 4th April 1578. Sheryve turne—sundry persons for essoignes 6s.—2s. given to the Jurye.

f. 47. 28th April 1578. Wm. Cook for not standing to the “verdyt” against Ry. Chapman 8d.

f. 49. 17th July 1578. The Warden of the bouchers and his brethren for kylling caulves against the Statute. 18s. 4d.

f. 52. 29th September 1578. Rec. of contry butchers for kylling calves against the Statute. (No amount).

29th September. Town: Rec. for Brewers this year £8. 11. 10.; old Burgesses £4. 7. 8.; new Burgesses £9. 18. 4. Total £22. 17. 10.

Rec. of Chrō. Thornabye for Atturney fees £3. 10. 3. Richard Wyvell, the lyke. £3. 4. 11. Thomas Atkinson, undersergeant, for arreasts 38s. 9d. Total £8. 13. 11.

In parcell of the bakers’ fynes 31s. 3d.

Rec. of Gylbert Thompson, taylour, for streigne fees, due by Willm Richardson, late Sergeant. 10s.

Rec. of Mr. Maior for a waif mare 46s. 8d.

Rec. of Edw. Lawson for his Clarkshipp of the Court of Record this last yere. £5. Steven Smayles.

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***f.* 54. Receites upon Thursday Syttings in the tyme of the Mairaltie of Robarte Browne, viz: from the Feast of St. Michaell the Archangell, A.D. 1577 untill the same feast A.D. 1578.**

10th October 1577. John Cowper for a horse in the Averys more than his stynt. 12d.; Thomas Newcom for the lyke 12d.

7th November 1577. For a fence breakyng into the new hagge 2d.; John Braken the like 4d.; a horse in the new hagge above the Stynt 6d.; dryvinge the same hagge over and besides all charges 10d. Total 22d.

21st November 1577. Peter Pape for a horse in Westwood at the second dryving more than the Stynt. 4d.; Rbt. Barbor, clothwourker, for 2 horses in the new hagge above his Stint. 12d. Total 16d.

19th December 1577. Rec. of Mr. Spence for an old paire of boots being an old stresse 6d.

17th February 1577[-8]. Rec. of Robt Willmson for the interest of £20. due at Candlemas last. 40s.

17th March 1577[-8]. Willm Waller, Fine for a lease of a house in Flemingate £5.

20th March 1577[-8]. Willm. Fox, servant to Chro. Thorneby, tanner, for his burgesship. 16s.

24th April, 1578. Willm. Whytaker for his burgesship 30s. Wm. Wilson, the like 30s. Bartylmew Somme for selling wares before the fayre, 5s.; Willm. Stockhous for bringing coverletts to the fayre against the Statute. 3s. Robt. Mease, grocer, for selling wares before the fayre 16d.; and John Howytson for bringing wares against the order. 12d.

15th May 1578. A Tanner for disobedyence against his warden and brethren 8d.

f. 55. More the same day of Raulph Wright, glover, for a contrybucon 2s.

22nd May 1578. For the dryvinge of Swynemoore 38s. 10d.; Fegang 39s. 2d; Westwood 50s. 8d.

2nd June 1578. Thomas Atkinson, tyler, for a contribucon 20d.; Charles Atkinson, tyler, the lyke 20d.; Sem. Selington for the like 14d. Total 4s. 6d.

5th June 1578. Anthony Haworth, Warden of the Cowpers &c for a fyne taken by them of Wm. Sewell for refusing of the Wardenshipp 12d.

19th June 1578. Waytes of the Towne for a fyne taken of forren mynstrells 12d.; a fyne for breaking open of Fegang gate 4d.

26th June 1578. Nycholas Jackman, maryner, for his burgesship 26s. 8d.

3rd July 1578. Edwarde Sharpington, baker, for a geld horse going in Westwood against the order 8d.

10th July 1578. Rbt. Bell, alderman of the drapers, for two contribucons taken of Willm. Taylor and Raulf Cowper 12d. each.

17th July 1578. Five contrybucons from Otemealmakers, one at 2/4 and four at 1/4; Six contrybucons from Bakers, three at 1/8 one at 1/- and one 6d.

f. 56. Record: Wm. Raynor for the debt of Richard Byllop owing for certen deodants parcell of the goods of Bryan Sparrowe. 14s. Total 39s. 2d. [see *f. 24*].

Alderman of the bakers for a fyne taken of Edward Chatter 12d.

14th August 1578. Three Otemeallmakers 8d. each for disobedyence against there Warden. 2s.

21st August 1578. Robte. Gossep for swyne unringed in Westwood over all charges for the dryvinge 23s. 10d.; George Barthram for the fyne of a lease of a house next St. Mary's Church 24s. Total 47s. 10d.

4th September 1578. Warden of the Weavers for a contribucon taken of Richard Jackson of Woodmansey. 12d.

18th September 1578. Warden of the Weavers taken of one Woodmas of Thurne for a contribucon 16d.; John James, taylour, for his burgesship 19s. Total 20s. 4d.

25th September. Robt. Fayrer, myller, for his burgesship 26s. 8d.

1st October 1578. Thomas Mettham, gentleman, in parcell of £10 for taking down a howse in Flemingate against the order 40s.; Barthilmewe Turner for interest money of Thomas Hardye's £20., 46s. 8d. whereof geven to the said Barthill againe 12d., so resteth 45s. 8d.; the naylesellers for a contribucon 3s. 4d.; Rich. Reade, gent. for the fyne of a lease without north barres £6. 13. 4.

f. 57. Crosdayes. Mr. Calverley & Mr. Brockton, standings in the Old Waste 20s.; Mr. Brockton's man for the lyke 30s.; 2 other upholsters for the lyke 53s. 4d. Total £5. 3. 4.

Edw. Thompson in parcell of the Toll for this yere £23.

Record. Rec. for an old safegarde¹ forfayted bye Jane Clark, petye brybo^{r2} 12d.

Peter Harpham for a standing in the old waste the last Crosse dayes. 6s. 8d.; John Harryson in parcell of 30s. for his burgesse money 10s.—Total 16s. 8d.

Shodcarts—Edw. Thompson for shodcarts this yeare. 48s. 4d. Receaved of the myll money £8.

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f. 68. **New burgesses in the tyme of the Maioraltye of Mr. Browne.**

10th October 1577. Richard Wood, borne burgess, entered his freedom. Robt Wood his sonne excluded *qa ante genitns*.

27 further entries up to 7th August 1578. No payment is recorded in the case of any "borne burgess," i.e., born after his father had been admitted. Singularly enough, though there is no record of a woman being admitted a burgess, it was customary to exclude and record the names of daughters as well as sons born before admission and thus exclude them from the "born free" right of admission. The fee payable for admission after 7 years apprenticeship, not born free, was now 20s. and for others 40s. though payment by instalments, secured by sureties, was usual. The trades mentioned are Glover (2), Taylor (2), Cowper (1), Glaysier (1), Housewryght (1), Weaver (2), Tanner (1), Butcher (1), Baker (3), Plaisterer (1), Ship Carpenter (1), Draper (1), Cordyner (1), Bottlemaker (1), Pewtherer (1), Maryner (1), Tyler (1). Also one Yeoman, and one Robt Gray, Gentleman, borne burgess "and ys lycensed to weare the lyverey of the Lord Ambrose Dudley Earle of Warwyke."

¹ Riding skirt worn by a woman.

² Petty robbery.

f. 70. Apprentices recorded in the tyme of the Maioraltye of Mr. Browne.

17th October 1577. Isabell Wylkinson, daughter of Edward W., taylour, put and bound herself apprentice with Roger Spence yeoman and Anne his wife to serve them from St. Mighell tharchangell for 7 years; Roger and Anne to find her meat drink and clothing necessary both for holidays and working days, and also 6d. yearly. Isabell to serve them in the 8th year as a journey woman or hyred servant and to have 20/- for her service. Roger and Anne to teach Isabell all such trades as they occupy, after a reasonable sort as baking, brewing, dressing of meat and drink, etc. The same day Cyclye Suddeby daughter to Thomas S., wright, bound herself apprentice with Rose Lowe, wife of Nicholas L., to "tarrye" and dwell with her for 7 years. Terms similar to the last except that 20/- is to be paid in the last year of her term for wages besides meat and drink.

21st November 1577. Margaret Thornaby, daughter of the Mace bearer, bound to serve Clement Seggisworth, Glover, for four years. Clement to find her sufficient meat drink "lynnyn" wool, hose and shoes and necessary apparel, and 6d. a year, and at the end of the term "arrayment" both for working and holydays.

10th April 1578. Wm. Hunter, son of a deceased labourer of Sutton in Holderness, bound himself, before the Mayor and Governors, Apprentice with Francis Burton, Joiner, of Beverley for 9 years to dwell and abide with him and to be taught and instructed in the faculty and mystery of a Joyner. The usual provisions for maintenance and clothing, with 6d. yearly for his salary and 26/8 in the last year. Signed by both parties.

[This cancelled by mutual consent 10th March 1581/2].

Burgesses.

14th August. Willm. Waller, prentyce 7 yeres with Thomas Waller, Tanner, entered his burgesship & to pay 20/- by three instalments. Suretyes: Thomas Waller and Rbte. Chapman, glover.

25th September 1578. Robte. Fayrer, Myller, entered his burgesship; three children excluded *quia ante genit*; and paid 26s. 8d.

[Folio 72 blank].

f. 73. Orders set downe by Robarte Browne, Maior of Beverley and the Governors of the same in the tyme of the Maioraltye of the said Robarte Browne, viz:

8th November 1577. Ordered by the said Maior and seven named Governors that from the date hereof no manner of person or persons shall have any sheepe, feedinge or depasturinge within any of the common grounds or pastures of this Towne, or in any

leaze or other place beyng common averys apperteigninge to the same Towne under penaltye that the said sheepe shall be brought to the common pound folde and the owners to make fyne accordinge to the judgement of the Maior and Governors.

27th February 1577[-8]. Willm. Kytchin, brycklayer, discharged of his freedom and burgesship for contempt and breach of promys made in the open Courte of Recorde.

10th April. Clement Seggisworth and another complained upon Willm. Mallevery touching a certen bond or obligation. It is put to the arbyterment of Mr. Bullocke and Willm. Chapman.

12th June 1578. A similar item (incomplete as to the names of the arbitrators).

19th June 1578. Order by the Mayor and Governors reciting that there was certen lyninn geare of the goods of Thomas Brande, baker, layde in pawne to George Barthram, draper, for the sum of 17s. 2d. to be paid unto him at certeyne tymes past, now the same being prayed by John Robinson, cordyner, Robt. Rosse, Willm. Wakefeld and Lawrence Wilkinson to the value of 16s. of which the said George hath rec. 5/-; that the said Thomas Brande shall pay the said somme of 16s. to the said George within 14 dayes next after the date hereof and the said George to delyver the same lyninn wares to Thomas Brande, and if the said Thomas Brande make default of the payment afforesaid then the said George to deteine and keepe the said lyninn to his own proper use and behoof.

10th July 1578. Order by the Mayor and Governors that the foresaid matter betweene the above named George Barthram and Thomas Brande being deliberately and advisedly debated, upon good causes and considerations to the said Mayor and Governors seaming good and reasonable. It is determined and judged that the said George Barthram shall pay unto the said Tho. Brande within 8 dayes next after the date hereof 4s. and the said George to keepe the said lynnin wares to his owne use forever.

f. 74. Same date: Promise by Roger Mycham, cordyner, to pay to Mr. Bullocke within 14 days after Lammas next the somme of foure marks.

22nd September. Order by the Mayor and Governors that no wood or trees be sold or geven out of any of the groundes or pastures perteigning to the Mayor and Governors of this Towne without their assent and knowledge And the same to be granted in the common house and to be sett downe in wrytinge by the Common Clarke and the Governors' hands subscribed thereunto. Penalty for any offycer or other person presuming to do otherwise 40s. for every tree.

The same date. Order by the Mayor and Governors that Robte. Brockelbanke, now Teacher of the Grammer Skole at Hasyll, shall have the teachinge of the Grammer Skole in Beverley.

Yerely stipend 20 marks: And an usher under him who shall have yerely paid to him 40s. and moreover of every skoller in the same skole 4d. by the yere.

[Folios 75 to 86 blank].

f. 87. Promyses made in the tyme of the Maioralty of Mr. Browne.

17th October to 23rd January 1577[-8]. Five promises to discharge debts.

30th January 1577[-8]. Memorandum of payment of a debt.

6th February 1577[-8]. Award of Marmaduke Langdaile, gent. and three others named Arbytrers for a matter in controversye dependinge between John Harryson pltff of the one part and Edmond and Robert Ingleton and John Fayre, banker, def. of the other parte, towchinge the occupyeing of one nagge of coulour gray of the said John Harryson's, whereby it was determined and judged that the said Edmond Ingleton or his assignes should immediately redeliver the said nagge and fyfftye shillings to the said John Harryson in full contentment and satysfactyon of all such travaill, labor, hindraunce and other charges as the said John Harryson hath susteyned by means of the said nagge, the said John Harryson to discharge & exonerate the said Edmond, Robte & John of all sutes troobles & controversyes, towchinge the said nagge for ever. Signed by three of the Arbitrators.

Marginal note—That the said sum of 40s. was fully paid upon the making of the said arbiterment.

f. 88. Promise by Philipp Sykes, tyler, to worke upon the Towne's worke after the rate of 7d. a day, without meat or drynk, when & where the Mayor and Governors should appoint, untill a fyne of 10s. owing by the said Philip be fully answered.

20th February to 29th May 1578. Six promises to discharge debts.

f. 89. 12th June 1578. A controversye for a certen lead gutter put to the arbiterment of two arbitrators.

14th August to 25th September 1578—Four promises to discharge debts.

[Folios 90 to 92 blank].

f. 93. 5th December 1577. Mr. Johnson, one of the Governors, by the advice and consent of the Mayor and the rest of the Governors, resigned and set over unto John Metcalf, glover, one Cockshott in the Myddle Tongue, late in the tenure of the said Mr. Johnson.

[Folios 94 to 100 blank].

f. 101. Searchers sworne in the tyme of the Maioraltie of Mr. Browne, 1578.

[Two searchers for each of the following crafts]:—Drapers,

Tanners, Taylers, Otemealmakers, Cordyners, Glovers, Tylers, Barbours, Cowpers, &c., Braysiers, Bouchers, Bakers, Carpenters, Marchants, Smythes, Weavers.

[Fo. 102 blank].

f. 103. 29th September 1578. **The names of the Offycers in Beverley.**

Gyles Spence, Maior. Auditors—4 Governors and 6 Burgesses; Two Receivers; 3 Surveyors and 2 Maisters of Westwood; 2 Surveyors and 2 Maisters of "Fegange" [Figham] and Swynemore; 3 Surveyors and 2 Maisters of the Townes workes.

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f. 105. 4th December 1578. Two sealers of lether for next year and a Searcher of the Curryers appointed.

9th October 1578. Histriones. Silver shields with cognizances delivered to the three town waits [as at fo. 39].

f. 106. **Receipts in the Corte of Record in the tyme of the Maioralty of Mr. Spence 6th October 1578 to 28th September 1579.**

Weekly receipts as at fos. 41 to 51—only unusual items are noticed. The highest amount received for ordinary court fees was 7/- made up of items of 8d. and 4d. similar to those noted above, the average being about 3/-.

f. 109. 12th January 1578[-9]. In part payment of Butchers fines for last Sessions 13/4.

f. 110. 19th January 1578[-9]. Christofer Thornaby for Attorneys fees from 6th October to 22nd December 32/4; John Stable, the like 19/1.

26th January 1578[-9]. Marm. Jeakell for forstalling the market of fish 6/8; Chro. Donkin, the like 6/8.

16th February 1578[-9]. James Adamson, parcel of fine of 20/- for brewing without license 12/-; Valantine Browne for a fine for a fraye 3/-; John Huchinson, selling fish against the statute 6/8.

f. 111. 26th February 1578[-9]. Tho. Sympson, Waterman. for a fray 10/-.

9th March 1578[-9]. Tho. Landyffe for pound money received by him of Rauf Brocklebank to the value of £15;—15d.

23rd March 1578[-9]. Thomas Atkinson [Sergeant] in parcel of arreast fees since Michaelmas 20/-.

6th April 1579. Pound money 22d. and 5/-; William Gryme for streignes from Michaelmas until Chrysmas 19/1.

27th April 1579. James Adamson, the rest of his brewers fine 7/-.

f. 113. 28th April 1579. Sessio pacis. 28/6 received for a number of discharges of recognizances—the fee for a Burgess being 3/- and others 4/-; given to the Jury 2/-.

18th May, 1579. George Garbray, Constable of Hull brigg, for streigne fees of Chris. Donkin 8d.

29th May 1579. Two jyrkin makers for a fyne 12d.; Mr Dymmocke's Musycōns for a fray in Beverley 3/-.

21st June 1579. Richard Reade for pound money 3s. 4d.; The like 2s.

6th July 1579. Pound money 8d.

f. 116. 10th July 1579. Sessio Pacis: Five discharges of recognizances, 3s.; 2s. 3d.; 1s. and two at 2s.; George Wheateley for a fray and blood 5s.; Anthony Stevenson, the lyke 5s.; Eight further fynes of 8d. for frays.

f. 117. 27th July 1579. Pounce money 6d.

28th Aug. 1579. Two frays at 3s. 4d.; Humfray Wylson for 3 hydes unregistered 12d.

10th September 1579. Lancelot Croft for unlicensed brewing (no amount).

f. 119. 2nd October 1579. Rec. of Mr. Wylson for a salt kytt 2d.; Mr. Farley for a lock 4d.; Rich. Spence for a pale & 2 bowles 8d.; John Metcalf for 3 sheepe skynnes 6d.; Chris. Thornabye for a felt hatt 8d.; Mr. Maior for a pece of whytt leather 6d.; Richard Spence for a paire of shoes 4d.; Mr. Wylson two paire of shoes 9d.; Mr. Raffles & John Robinson, three paires of shoes at 4d. a paire; John Farley, cordyner, for a forfeited hyde 5s. 4d.; and for certen peces of forfayted leather 8d. Total 10s. 11d.¹

f. 120. 5th October 1579. Rec. of Robt Gybson for a pece of forfayted leather 20d.; Robert Chapelowe for certen leather unsealed 6s. 8d.; Thomas Atkinson, under sergeant, in parcell of certen streigne fees for this yere 53s. 4d.; more of the said Thomas Atkinson in parcell of the foresaid streigne fees 26s. 8d.

Chris. Thornabye, atturney fees from 22nd December to 5th October then following £3. 14. 0.; John Stable for the like £3. 5. 0.; Thomas Atkinson for streigne fees 34s. 10d. Wm. Gryme for the like 23s. 11d.

Rec. of the brewers for their fynes for this yere. £7. 14. 2.; the bakers, for the like £3. 4. 3.; Edw. Lawson for his offyce in the Corte of Record £5. [the Clerk of the Court, who paid for the privilege].

Total of all the premises receaved and due by this Corte for this yere £50. 18. 8.

Rec. more for 2 wafe yeowes 5d.; one wafe boare pigg 2s.; and for the hyde of a wafe stere of John Prestons 12d.

[Fo. 121 blank].

¹ Evidently a sale of goods either forfeited for bad workmanship or unredeemed pledges.

f. 122. **Receytes upon the Thursday Syttinges in the tyme of the Maioralty of Mr. Spence.**

9th October 1578. Humfray Wilson for non appearance 6d.; Mighell Harryson, hatmaker, for an upsett, 6d.

30th October 1578. Lawrence Wilkinson and three others named for sellenge candles above the price assigned them by the Maior 3s. 4d. each.

13th November 1578—Two nonappearances 6d. each.

20th November 1578. Anthony Stevenson and two others for horses going in the new hagge against the order 2s.; 20d. and 12d.; John Gybson, baker, for because his servante cut down unlawfully dyvers yonge asshes in the new hagge 6s. 8d.; Thomas Sympson, waterman, a fyne for opprobrious woords spoken against the Governors 6s. 8d.

22nd January 1578[-9]. George Wheateley for certen forfeit lether 20d.

f. 123. 29th January 1578[-9]—Henry Glentham for a pece of forfeited lether 6d.

5th February 1578[-9]. Richard Cayme and Lawrence Wylkinson for fynes for selling candles contrary to the order 6s. 8d. each.

12th February 1578[-9]. Frauncis Burton and others for the last payment of the somme of £4 by them owing to the hancehouse 38s.

26th February 1578[-9]. Marm. Garbray for selling candles against thorder 3s. 4d.; a tanner for cutting downe an ash in Westwood against thorder 20d.

30th April 1579. Bryan Smyth, wright, for his burgesship 26s. 8d.

7th May 1579. Robert Langbarne, Richard Hartley and Edward Wylkinson, taylours, for their upsetts 3s., 3s., and 12d.

14th May 1579. John Hudson, Robert Stowt and John Halsey, otemeall makers, for their upsetts 2s. 4d. each.

21st May 1579. Thomas Greene for a contribucon taken of the taylors 2s. 6d.

29th May 1579. Two jyrkin makers for a fyne 12d.

4th June 1579. Mr. Calverley and Mr. Brockton for a standing in the old waste 20s.; Roger Fountaines the lyke 30s. [Cross fair].

f. 124. Same date. John Robinson and Thomas Metcalf for the dryvinge of Fegang [Figham] 56s. 2d.; Swynemoore 30s. 8d.

Same date. Edward Chatter and five other otemeallmakers for contrybucons 10s. 8d.

12th June 1579. Raulf Freman and two others for the leading of Londiners' wares 30s.

18th June 1579. George Wheateley, cordyner, for an

upsett 7s. 6d.; John Wetherell, cordyner, borne burgess, for the lyke 2s. 8d.

25th June 1579. Steven Smayles and Thomas Tennte for the dryvinge of Westwood 53s. 6d.

2nd July 1579. Warden of the Cordwayners for a fyne taken of Humfray Wylson 2s.; Willm. Taylour and Raulf Cowper, drapers, for their contribucons 20d.; Wardens of the Merchants for a contribucon taken of John Headin's wief for 2 yeres 2s.; *Merchaunts*: Thomas Mutton for a lyke contrybucon for one yere 12d.; Edw: Thomson the lyke due by his wief 6d.; Richard Wright for a contribucon for 2 yeres 2s.; the same Richard for an upsett dew heretofore 3s.

16th July 1579. Merchants in the tyme of Tho. Wilberforce. Thomas Mutton for a contribucon by the merchaunts 12d.; Chris. Syssine for a forfeited hyde 4s.

f. 125. 23rd July 1579. Promise by Elizabeth Thorpe, wydowe, before the Mayor and the Governors, to pay unto Thomas Laundysse 45s. 5d. of which sum there remayneth in the hands of the said Thomas Laundysse one ringe of gold for 10s. as a pawne.

3rd August 1579. Court of Record. Pound money 9d. Other usual items totalling 4/1.

20th August 1579. Thursday Sittinge. Richard Stowt, Warden of the blacksmynes, for a fyne 12d.; Raulph Pickeringe of the same scyence for a fyne 12d.

17th September 1579. Mathew Aunderson, baker, for a contrybucon 14d.

24th September 1579. John Farley, cordyner, for using opprobrious woords against Mr. Bullocke, Justyce of Peace & one of the Governors 2s.

f. 126. Willm. Wakefeld for 2 woodds for the lyme kylne. 12s. Edward Thompson for tolmoneye for this present yere £20; the same Edward, the naylers' contributions 3s. 4d. Mr. Edw. Pearcy for 3 trees 21s.; Mr. Raffles for one tree 7s. 8d.; Anthony Stevenson for the toppes of 3 trees, 9s. 4d.

f. 127. Receyts in the Cort of Record in the tyme of the Maioraltie of Mr. John Raffles, viz.: from the Feast of St. Michael tharchanngell anno dm. 1582 untill the Feast of the Sainte Michell anno dmi 1583.

[8th October 1582 to 7th January 1582-3. Weekly receipts as before, only unusual items being noticed].

8th October 1582. Wm. Cowling and two others for a mercyant¹ 4d. each. Thomas Atkinson [under sergeant] for arrest fees 2s.

15th October 1582. Three mercyaments of 4d.; Launcelot

¹ A new item, "amerciaments" now occurs frequently, fee 4d.

Gysbrough for streign fees 16d.; Tho. Atkinson, the lyke 2s. 2d.

22nd October 1582. Three mercyaments of 4d. each; Lance-lot Gysbrough, streign fees 2s.

12th November 1582. Tho. Atkinson for streyn fees 22d. Launcelot Gysbrough's arreast fees 17d.

10th December 1582. Gilbert Warter for pounce money 20d.; for the discharge of dyvers recognizances 9s.

17th December 1582. For the discharge of dyvers recognizaunces at Michelmas Sessyons last 9s.

21st December 1582. Chris: Thornabye for Atturney fees synce Michelmas last 30s.; John Stable the like 16s. 2d.

f. 132. Promises made in the tyme of the Maioraltie of Mr. Spence.

16th October. Promise made before the Mayor and Governors by Thomas Ellys, blacksmyth, to discharge a debt of 2/- due to Humfrey Wylson, cordyner, by instalments of 4d. every 8 days.

24th December. Hughe Boyes was admitted one of the wayts of the Towne and hath delivered unto him one chayne of silver waieng 6 oz: and one badge of silver wayeing more than one ounce and a quarter. Pledges for the restoring: John Robinson, cordyner & Thomas Nesse, tayler. *Signed* by Boyes and the Sureties.

27th November 1578. Promise by John Barchard, boocher, to pay Robt. Hardye, boocher, 57/4 on Thursday next.

Promise by Robt. Hardye to pay 4/- next Candlemas for his sheep depasturing in a Close at Stumpe Cross in the tenure of George Thompson.

Memo. that John Spence, tanner, paid to Mr. Raffles [a Governor] £5. 10. 0. for the debt of Thomas Pickering, blacksmyth.

11th December 1578. Mem. That the Arbytraters appointed by the Mayor and Governors ordered that John Wiles should pay to Martyn Cornewell the sum of 16/- demanded by him on the Monday after next Holy Thursday.

f. 133. 22nd January 1578[-9] and 19th February 1578[-9]. Two promises to pay debts "before thannuncyacon of o^r ladye next."

27th March 1578[-9]. Mem. That Robt Barbour, clothworker, hath taken of the Maior and Governors one "Tenter Roome" upon Norwood Hill for 30 years paying 6d. yearly.

30th April 1579. Mem. The Londoners' wares are letten to Roger Spence, Raulf Freeman and Marm. Jeakell for this year who promised to pay 40/- at Whytsonday next.¹

¹ This refers to the right of the Corporation to lead the merchandize brought by London Merchants to Cross Fair (see fo. 1) from the landing place at Beverley Beck or the River Hull to the Fair near the Minster for sale.

[Then follow 13 promises to pay down to the 20th August 1579—only unusual ones being noticed here].

f. 133. 2nd July 1579. Humfrey Wilson promises to pay the Mayor and Governors 26/8 for the last two payments of the "Averys" of two little closes, the morrow after the exaltation of the Cross next.

f. 134. 20th August 1579. Wm. Cowling, Surgeon, promises to pay the Mayor etc. 12/8 for certain averys money. Also Wm. Maleverer, cordyner, 17/9; John Parkinson, boocher 33/4; Henry Walker, tanner 24/4; Richard Spence, tanner, 33/4; Barthill Turner £4; William Wood 46/8; and Thomas Metcalf, tanner 40/- all for "certain Averys."

[Fos. 135 to 142 blank].

f. 143. **Orders set downe by Mr Maior and the Governors in the tyme of the maioraltye of Mr Gyles Spence, now Maior.**

24th October 1578. The tenant of the Gaole at Crosbrigge and of the house adjoyning lately purchased of Robert Clarke shall pay rent for the two tenementes yearly 45/- whereof the towne shall pay for the quitt rent 5/-.

The general accompt shall be maid by Mr Browne the last Maior before the Maior Governors and Burgesses upon Thursday the 20th of November next upon penalty to forfeit for not so doing £10.

7th November 1578. All the tallow chandlers within this town shall from henceforth sell to any Burgess or Inhabytant none of the candles by them made above 3½d. the pound; so as the said Burgesses etc. do fetch or send for the same to the dwelling of the said chandler. Penalty for selling over this price 40/- for every offence.

Thomas Sympson, waterman, comitted to ward for the space of 8 daies for certain opprobrious words uttered against the Governors, and then to abyde such further order as Mr Maior and his brothers shall appoint.

f. 144. 13th November 1578. Acknowledgement by the said Thomas Sympson and one Raulf Freeman, yeoman, that they will owe £10 to the Mayor and Governors if the said Thomas does not pay 40/- before the 20th instant in respect of his said contempt.

20th November 1578. John Whelpdaill and Elbz. Davison, the late wief of Thomas Davyson, tanner, hath paid unto Rbt. Hardye, butcher, the somme of 26s. 8d. for the debt of John Hochinson And further to pay hereafter for the debt of the said Hochinson to the said Rbt. Hardye the sum of 40s. by three instalments.

Same day: The above said John Whelpdaill, John Hall and Willm. Stubbes promised to pay unto Anne Thwing, daughter unto

Willm. Thwing deceased, in consyderacon of her child's porcons at Candlemas next 53s. 4d.

Same day. A further promise to discharge a debt.

20th November 1578. Thomas Sympson having been punished by imprisonment and a fine, upon submission made is now set at liberty He promises until the feast of St. Michael the Archangell next to be of good demeanour and usage both in word and deed towards Mr Maior and all the Governors and to behave himself reverently and obediently like a true and faithful burgess; otherwise be disfranchised of his freedom and be further fined as the Mayor & Governors assess.

f. 145*a*. 22nd September, 1578. A similar entry to that at *fo.* 74. appointing Mr Brocklebank to teach the Grammer Skool in Beverley except that the Usher is to receive 6d. per scholar yearly instead of 4d.

f. 146. 22nd January 1578[-9]. Promise by the Maior and Governors to pay to the Executors of Robert Brockelbank, late Skolemr. for the tyme of his service the somme of 53s. wthin a fortnight after Easter next.

Same day: Two Promises to discharge debts.

9th February 1578[-9]. Order by Willm. Chapman and two others named, arbitratours betweene Thomas Pickeringe, black-smyth, plt. and Rbte Hardye def. concerneing 2 matters in controversye now depending before the Mayor and Governors in the Court of Record betwene the said parties That the said Rbt. Hardye shall in full contentacon & satisfactyon of bothe the said matters pay unto the said Thomas Pickeringe the somme of £1 by two instalments.

f. 147. 5th March 1578[-9]. Memorandum that about a fortnight now last past Henry Booth, ropemaker, in the house of Wyllm. Wyld in the after noone in the presence of Mr. Raffles, one of the Governors, and John Stable, the Common Clark of Beverley, spak thes woords folowinge viz: That Mr. Maior and the Maisters had receaved the Averys money and packed up the same amongst them but that he and other good felowes at Mighlmas next would have the matter other wise handled or else they would lose their skynnes, amongst whom he named Thomas Drye. Signed. John Raffles. Jo. Stable.

Same day. Order by the Maior and Governors that all matters hanging and depending in controversye between Mr. Bullock [a Governor] and Martyn Atmarr [a Receiver] be determined by Wm. Richardson, Clark, and three others named. The parties to be bound in the somme of £10 for performance of the same order and arbyterment.

6th April 1579. Order by the Maior and Governors that Arkinwold Shepeherd, marchaunt, in consyderacon of his surrender of a lease made unto him of a rowm or standinge in the old wast

in the Weddensday market shall from henceforth have yerely during his lief naturall the somme of 13s. 4d. to be paid unto the said Arkinwold Shepeherd or his assignes in the Hanshouse of Beverleye in the week next before the Rogacon weeke yerely during the said terme.

9th April 1579. Alice Vicarman, wife to John Vicarman, came in the name of her said husband and acknowledged to owe unto Wm. Stubbes, pewtherer, the sum of £3 to be paid by instalments of 6s. 8d. at the Feasts of Pentecost and St. Martin the bysshop yerely.

f. 148. 6th July 1579. Memo that there was upon Holy Thursday last past 2 coverletts streyned by Willm. Crose of the Cytey of Yorke wrought contrary to the statute therefor provyded, and that the Maior hath delivered the same 2 coverletts to Edward Kydson, coverlett maker of the same Cytey, and that the same Edward hath redelyvered one of the same coverletts to the use of the Towne of Beverley as forfayted.

13th August 1579. A paine laid for Swynemore bankes: First that Robert Fayrer shall clense all his banks and make up his fences there within 20 dayes next after the day last above mentioned upon paine for every roode. 6d. George Rawe and Raulph Knaggs to do the same in lyke manner upon the lyke payne.

Same day. Edm. Guld: In the Pasture of Londe. Ordered by the Maior and Governors that if at any tyme hereafter any horse of his be taken going there or depasturing he shall pay for every offence 6d.

10th September 1579. Memorandum that the 25th June last past it was ordered by the Maior and the more part of the Governors that no sheepe should depasture upon or in any common grounds, viz laines or other common pastures but onely as they are dryven from there owne houses or grounds to other of their owne pastures or grounds and that without any stay or stafhirdyng of the same in any of the said common grounds or laines upon penaltie for every sheepe so depasturing and feedyng to the contrarye of the said Ordynannce 4d. Now it is fully and further considered that the said order in this behaulf shall from henceforth for ever stand in full force without any pardon or remyssyon Now recorded under the hands of the Maior and others the Governors hereunder named. (Sgd) Giles Spence, Maior, and six other Governors.

10th September 1579. Order by the Maior and Governors that no inhabytant within this Towne of Beverley shall keep any swyne, saving within their own several grounds, nor within any streets or laynes within this Towne or Circuyts thereof but such as shall be set forth before the Swyneherd of the said Towne, and that the said swyne nor any of them shall not go in any of the said laynes, common pastures, or streets before the Swyneherd blowe

his horn in the forenoone, nor after his coming home in the afternoone, upon paine for every swyne taken & found to the contrary 4d. without any forgiveness. (Sgd) Giles Spence, Maior, and six other Governors.

[Folios 150 to 158 blank].

f. 159. Burgesses entered in the tyme of the Maioraltie of Mr. Gyles Spence.

20th November 1578. John Myddlesell, cowper, entered his burgesship and to pay for the same in three yeres 40s. Six more entries to burgesship to 20th August 1579; three borne burgesses with no fee; one at 26s. 6d.; and two at 40s. to be paid by instalments. One waterman, a draper, taylor and a draper.

[Folios 160 to 164 blank].

f. 165. Searchers sworne in the tyme of the Maioraltie of Mr. Spence.

[Two Searchers for each of the following Crafts] Drapers; Taylours; Cordyners; Glovers; Otemeallmakers &c; Tylers; Cowpers; Pewtherers; Carpenters; Bakers; Barbours &c; Smythes; Boochers; Marchaunts; Weavers.

f. 166. 10th September 1579. Reciting that there was a matter put unto the arbytermt. and order of Edward Lawson and three others named for a matter depending in controversy between John Truslove, plt. and Chris. Awder and two others named, defs. as touching the byting & worrying of one cowe by the doggs of the said defendants about Lent last: Therefore the said Arbytrators do arbytrate & award that the said defendants or their assigns shall content & pay to the said plt. or his assigns the somme of 40s. by two instalments at the Feast of St. Martyn the bishop and at Candlemas next following.

f. 167. 25th August 1580. Memorandum of the discharge from the office of Governorship of Richarde Marks "upon dyvers and sundry causes and occasions manifestly appearing."

[This item struck out].

[Folio 168 blank]

f. 169. Receyts in the Thursday Courts holden in the tyme of the Maioraltie of Mr. Raffles [1582].

13th December. Thomas Moyses, glasyer, for a fyne 5s.; and of one Marshall, a Westren draper, for a fyne 4s.

10th January 1582[-3]. Promise to discharge a debt.

17th January 1582[-3]. Warden of the Otemeall makers for the fynes of Chris. Ovington, Leonard Burgon and Willm. Tweddle, for disobedyence 12d.

7th February 1582[-3]. Two entries to burgesship 28s. and 30s.

14th March 1582[-3]. Warden of the Otemeall makers for a fyne taken of Chris. Ovington for dryinge otemeall on Candlemas day last, 8d.

[In the margin: given to Edm. Settrington's childe].

16th May 1583: John Cowper and eight other otemeall-makers, contribucons for otemeale making, 12s. 10d.; Steven Smailes for the dryving of Westwood 33s.; Fegang, 34s. 5d. and Swynemoore, 27s.; a husbandman for his burgesship 30s.

f. 170. 16th May 1583: **Standings in the Crosfaire:** Mr. Calverley for 2 standings on the Eastsyde cont: 38 feet 30s.; Richard Woodhall for 30 feet on the Westsyde 33s. 4d.; Roger Fountaines for 20 feet on the Westsyde 20s.; Peter Harpham for 20 foot in the old wast 13s. 4d.; Henry Burstall for 18 foot in the same place 13s. 4d.; Mystresse Beckwith for 12 foot in the same place 7s.; Wm. Allinson for 12 foot there 6s.; John Scott for 18 foot there 10s.; and Mr. Woodhall for Mr. Spence 20s.

30th May. Marmaduke Handbye, tanner, for a fyne for leather not well tanned 2s.; Wm. Clarke, tyler, for a contribucon 2s. 4d.

7th June 1583. Allan Davye for a horse taken in Swynemoore against the order 12d.; Raffe Thornabie, sadler, for a contribucon 8d.; Evans apprice and three others for the lyke, 2s. 4d.

13th June 1583. **Marchaunts contribucons:** Wm. Allinson and two others 2/4 each; Richard Vessye for a fyne 12d. Total 8s.

4th July 1583. Rec. of the Glovers for 3 haulf hides of whyte leather taken of one dwelling about Skarbrough 10d.; two drapers contribucons 3s. 4d.; the Carpenters for a fyne taken of Rbt. Pinder & Cutbert Fyliskirk 20d. Total 5s. 10d.

11th July 1583. The Warden and Serchers of the black smythes for certen forfayted leather 6d.; Clement Seggisworth for his servaunt cutting down boughes in Westwood, 6d.; Robert Banks, butcher, for selling corrupt vytailes 16d.

19th September 1583. Willm. Horseley, weaver, for a fyne 12d.

[Fo. 172 and 173 blank].

f. 174. **Burgesses entered in the tyme of the Maioraltie of Mr. Raffles.**

8th November 1582. Raulph Thomson, marchaunte, borne burgess, entered his freedom; and 20 more admissions down to 15th August 1583; an apprentice to a borne burgess admitted without payment.

The occupations mentioned are Merchant (1); Glover (1); Butcher (3); Shipwright (1); Waterman (1); Weaver (2); Yeoman (2); Tanner (1); Taylor (2); Draper (2); Pewterer (1); Myller (1); Otemealmaker (1).

f. 176. 8th October 1579. Offycers admytted for this present yere next ensewing & sworne.

Edward Lee, neethird; Henry Read, Clenser of the Market; John Stable, Comon Clark.

[Fos: 177 & 178 blank.]

f. 179. Receyts of the Court holden upon Thursday in the tyme of the Maioraltie of Mr. Johnson, Maior, A.D. 1579.

8th October 1579. Willm. Donne for putting his cattall into the new Hagge against thorder 8d.; Thomas Newcom for his dogge unmusled 4d.

21st October 1579. Edw. Chatter and Richard Stowt, fynes for horses in the Hagge above their stynte 2s.

7th January 1579[-80]. John Robinson and Peter Harpham for Westwood kyddes this yere 80s.

14th January 1579[-80]. The Otemealmakers for a fyne because they dyd dysobey to sell otemeale at the Maiors pryse. 13s. 4d.

The Otemealmakers hath given by the Maior and the Governors to sell otemeale at 11d. a peck and not above.

7th May 1580. Edward Harper, and five other otemeallmakers for contribucons 16s. 8d.; more gratis 20d. Total 18s. 4d.

[In the margin 17s. 8d. rec.].

19th May 1580. John Clark for his burgesship 26s. 8d.; for the dryveing of Swynemoore 39s. 8d.; Fegang 56s. 2d.; Rich. Rosse, glover, for working in the house of his mother against thorder, 20d.; The searchers of the Glovers, one hault hide of whyte lether: Total £6. 3. 2.

f. 180. 3rd March 1579[-80]. ——— Wilkinson and Richard Rosse, glovers, for a fyne 3s. 4d.

10th March 1579[-80]. John Hall for felling woodd in the Butclose, disorderly 8d.; the same John for nonapparance 4d.

30th June 1580. Hammond Jenkinson for the fyne of a house in Flemingate late in the tenure of Willm. Waller 20s.; Wm. Taylour and Steven Smayles for contribucons to the drapers 20d.; Chris. Pecket Cordyner, for a contrybucon 20d. Total 23s. 4d.

14th July 1580. [In margin]. Presented by the Smythes.

Inprimis. 9 wayne clowtes taken of Raulf Walker of Southcave.

f. 181. Item one axe taken of Lawrence Hicke. Item 2 plowe soles taken of John Cawthroppe. Item one donge forke and a lynce pynne nayle.

The same day. Rec. of the Weavers for an Upsett of Hugh Muncaster 20d.

21st July 1580. The Warden of the Marchants, Upsett of Henry Burstall 2/6; the said Henry for a contribution 12d.; Richard

Woodd, the like 12d.; Lawrence Walker; John Skott, Tho. Matby; and John Hearby, the like 12d. each; Leonard Smyth, spurrier; for a fyne, 4d.; Rich. Gregs for the lyke 4d.

27th September 1580. John Watson, blacksmith, his sonne, for a fyne 12d.; Alex. Blenkinson for his burgess money & quit 26/8.

[Fos. 182 to 184 blank].

[The remaining folios are badly mutilated, the top half having been torn away so that no headings remain.]

f. 185 to 186. Entries of Burgessships. Born burgesses free, Apprentices 20/-, others 40/-. The fees usually deferred or payable by instalments and pledged by sureties. Children "*ante genit*" recorded and excluded as before. Cordyners (4); Merchants (2); Draper (1); Labourer (1); Tanner (1); Gentleman (1); Tyler (1); Cardmaker (1).

[Fos. 187 to 189 blank].

f. 190. Apparently an order [first portion torn] that Edward Lawson, Nicholas Fletcher, Thos. Gardyner, Hugh Mabson, John Hutchinson, mylner, Ux. Wynchup, Chrofer Rogers, Roger Cole, John Preston, Uxor Wright, Alyce Gentleman and Alyce Briggen shall cause to be led or carryed away all the donge and manuer lying on the backsyde of Lawson's house at Becksyde, under a penalty of 40/-.

19th November 1579. Memorandum that Mr. Bullocke [a Governor] and Roger Spence have granted & promised before the Maior and Governors to pay for the debte of Rbt. Sympson, waterman, the just somme of 53/4 by weekly payments of 8d. to be paid on Mondays commencing upon Monday next untill the said somme of 53s. 4d. be fully and entirely paid. And the said severall payments to be made in the Guyldhall¹.

f. 191. 26th November. Md. that Anthony Hawourth promised to pay unto Mr. Gilbert Spence at Candlemas next the somme of 22s.

f. 192. 4th February [? 1579-80]. Md. that George Guy, glover, promised to pay to Anthony Howarth "Sevier" for the debt of Thomas Whytaker, Sevier, 33/- in two instalments at the feast of St. Peter ad Vincula and the Purification of our lady the Virgin; and that Christopher Haton will discharge and save harmless the said George for the payment thereof.

[Portion of] Memo. of apprenticeship: the master to provide, meate, drinke, apparail and all other necessary things; with due chastisement and correctyon, and shall teach him the said facultye of musycke as much as in him lyeth and according to the capacitye of the said apprentice, and shall give unto him one instrument

¹ This is the first mention of the Guildhall in this book. The term "Hanshouse" is used previously.

of all such sortes as the said master at this day useth and exercyseth.

f. 193. The same day. Memo. of the apprenticeship of Thos. Raffles, son of Robert Raffles, Yeoman, to Christopher Pecket, Cordyner, to dwell with him for 9 years, at a yearly salary of 12d.

Promise by Willm. Lyndsey to pay Wm. Scott a debt of 6/- before the feast of St Peter ad Vincula.

Promise by Edward Hummerby and Thomas Robinson to pay the Mayor &c. 40/- for the burgesship of Miles Smyth.

19th May 1580. Promise by Roger Robinson, baker, to pay Edward Chatter, baker, 22/7 by two instalments on the 15th June and Lammas Day.

f. 194. Memo [fragment] of apprenticeship to a glover, apparently for 6 years, salary 6d. yearly, with 16/- at the end of the term.

f. 196. [Portion of] Memo. of apprenticeship of one Symon to Katherin Stewte¹, in the facultye or trade of Ironmonger or Hardwareman for 7 years, usual provisions as to food and clothing; with 6d. yearly salary and 26/8 in the last year.

f. 204. 19th September 1583. Memo. that Wm. Parkinson, boocher, hath taken of Mr. Maior and the Governors, one Cockshott under the braken hill in Westwood, to hold during his life. Also Clement Seggiswyth one Cockshott in Westwood lying on the north side of Newbald gate, during his life.

[The remaining 10 fos. are too fragmentary to decipher].

¹ Note.—The master in this case is a woman,

PART II

THE GREAT ORDER BOOK, 1588—1821.

The Great Order Book is parchment, in leather bindings, 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches by 12 inches, 129 leaves, and is written from each end. It is too lengthy to give a copy, but the following is a full abstract, with a few verbatim extracts.

GREAT ORDER BOOK (1st Part).

Commencing from the end marked "1st" on the inside of the cover.

f. 1. 1596. "Beverley. Whereas dyverse orders have been heretofore mayd for the benefit of this towne as well in the mayoralty of Richard Bullock [1574] and Willm Farley [1576] and others late maiors of the said towne Yet for that some of them be impfitte and some other good orders are requisite to be added and established for the better confirmation thereof It is now ordered enacted and established by William Maxey¹ now maior of the sayd towne [1596] Lancelot Alford Peter Harpham Christofer Rydley Ralph Freeman Philip Wayd Peter Pape Thomas Metcalf Robert Clarke Robert Robinson Thomas Waller Robert Grey and Edward Grey Governors of the same town With the consent of the most part of the thirteen burgesses being the Common Council of the sayd towne agreeing to these orders following."

[There is a marginal note that these orders were confirmed by the Mayor Governors and Burgesses 6th October 1608.]

The Election of the Mayor. Forfit xli. No burgess to have voyce but such as are in brotherhood.

1. Imprimis accordinge to our Charter as heretofore it hath bene ordered and accustomed that the Maior Governors and

¹ In the list of Mayors given in Poulson's "Beverlac" the name of William Maxey does not appear, though "William Mayor" is given for 1596, Poulson is mistaken, Wm. Maxey was the Mayor for 1596,

Burgesses every yeare upon Monday next before the feast of St. Michael tharkeangell by nyne of the clocke in the forenoon of the same day shall assemble themselves together And that the same day the Governors and Burgesses [“by the Wardens and their companies” struck out] of the same towne or the more part of them for the tyme being shall and may freely chose and ellecte one of the sayd Governors to be maior to govern the next yeare as maior and the said maior so ellected shall goe on the lefte hand of the ould maior untill he be sworne And if any Burgess willingly or advisedly resist or contrary this ordinance and the purport thereof he or they (*ipso facto*) to forfeite xli to the townes use the same to be levyed by distress of the goods of the partie or parties so offending by the officer or officers for that purpose to be appoynted by the maior and Governors or the more part of them for the tyme being And that noe other Burgess or Burgesses shall have any voyce in the ellection of the Maier but such as are in brotherhood with some occupacions or Companies And that every of the sayd Burgesses which are in Brotherhood shall come to the ellection of the sayd maior in their best attyer without any weapon about them upon payne of sixe shillings eight pence to be levyed by distresse as aforesaid.

The stranger to pay for his freedom vli, the apprentice xxs, the born burgesse xiid, and to be of brotherhood upon payne of xs.

2. Item that noe person or persons Inhabiting within the sayd towne shall be admytted Burgess but shall pay at the least for his freedom fyve pounds Except such as be freemen borne or free as Apprentice within this towne by the space of seven years according to the Statute, the freeman borne paying only for his entrance and taking his oath, xiid. and the Apprentice not being free burgesse borne xxs. fyne to the use of the said towne..... and after they be sworne Burgess to be in Brotherhood with some companie within two months after he or they be sworne Burgess if they be thought able & fitt by the Mayor & Governors & the Companie of the same trade.... upon payne to forfeite xs. for each month out of some brotherhood to be levied as aforesaid.

The ellection of a Governor, refusall forfeit xxli.

3. Any Burgess elected a Governor and refusing the same without a reasonable excuse to pay £20 [£10 altered to £20] to the use of the Corporation or to be committed to prison until paid.

None to be chosen Maier within fyve years nor above 3 tymes in his lyfe. Any burgesse consenting forfeit vli.

4. No person having been Mayor for one year to be elected Mayor again within 5 years following; and no one to be compelled

to be Mayor above three times in his lifetime. Any Burgess consenting or "giving there voyce" to the contrary to pay £5.

The Mayor to go to Church.

5. The Mayor shall repair and come every Sunday and holyday to the Minster to hear Divine Service and Sermons or to such other place where the sermon is (except for a reasonable excuse). Forfeit in default 10/-. Two Governors successively on notice to "associate" him to Church from his house and after service "forth of the Church yard." Forfeit in default 10/-.

The same Governors shall attend Court with the Mayor before nine o'clock on the Monday following without further warning. Forfeit 10/-.

[In a later hand]. Every Governor on every fair day shall accompany the Mayor attended on with his man and his halbard till the fair be proclaimed. Fine "ten grotes."

Governors or Selected Burgesses Summoned.

6. Any Governor or Selected Burgess on being requested or summoned by an officer of the town to attend the Mayor to any public assembly and failing to do so to be fined. First offence 12d. Second 2/-. [The latter portion is mainly indecipherable but apparently fixed higher fines for continued offences.]

The Mayor to have £30 "for his dyet."

7. The Mayor shall have paid him by the Corporation "for his dyet" £30 and two chaldrons of coales, and he shall find the head Serjeant at Mace and the common officers meat and drink during his maioralty.

No Inhabitant to frequent Alehouses.

8. Every inhabitant of the town who shall at any time resort use or frequent any "ale house, typling house Inn or Taverne" (except for some urgent cause or for the service or benefit of the town or invited to dine or supper or to accompany some "gentill-man substanciall yeoman or neare friend" and remain more than one or two hours in any day) or in any such place shall be drunk or otherwise misbehave himself in word or deed. Forfeit 12d. and for misbehaviour 40s.

The Mayor to walk with the Mace and a Comely Gown.

9. The Mayor shall not go or walk into any place in the town without a comely and decent gown and with the great mace carried before him and with one Sergeant or officer or some other person attending upon him, except going without the mace to his neighbour's house or his own shop about his private occasions,

or without a gown to his own ground out of the town for his private business, so that he then wear a decent and comely cloak and one officer or sergeant to attend him. Forfeit 10s.

[The following item is erased].

Governors to be "resiant."

10. Any person chosen Governor shall be "Resiant, Inhabytynge and keepe house" within the town either by himself or his family; except three months during harvest or other times with the licence of the Mayor and Governors; provided he resort to reside in the town before the feast of St. Michael the Archangel unless licensed to the contrary; and every person chosen Governor shall from time to time pay and bear such ordinary charges donations and payments as the rest of the Governors. Forfeit £10.

No cause between two Burgesses except in the Town Court without licence.

10. If any Burgess of the town whilst dwelling in the town shall commence or prosecute any action cause or plaint against any other Burgess for debt damage or other matter, determinable in Her Majesties Court holden before the Mayor or Recorder and two or more Governors, in any other than the said Court without special licence or privity of the Mayor. Forfeit 40s. to be levied to the use of the Corporation "so far as the law will allow."

Burgesses to impound only in the Common Fold of the town.

11. If any Burgess (without the licence of the Mayor) do, for any trespass or offence done within the liberties of the town, impound any goods and chattels of any other Burgess taken within the town or the liberties thereof in any common fold other than the common and usual fold of the town adjoining the Guildhall or Hanse house or other appointed place within the liberties of the said Court and jurisdiction thereof. Forfeit 10s.

No one to let a barn &c. to dwell in.

12. No person within this town shall demise or let to farm any barn layth shop or other house to any person to inhabit and dwell in (except it have a sufficient chimney for making a fire) Nor shall permit or suffer two householders or families to be or remain in one tenement or cottage without special licence of the Mayor and Governors in writing under hand and seal. The Lessor to forfeit 20s. and the Lessee 10s. for every month.

f. 2. Foreparts of houses to be paved.

13. Every Burgess and Inhabitant upon reasonable warning shall pave the pavements of their foreparts which usually have been paved viz. from their houses gardens orchards and closes

to the gutter of the pavements so as the water may descend from their houses; and shall keep the same clean as shall be commanded by the Mayor upon pain of 2/-; and where no gutter is then to raise the same with gravel upon the like pain.

Brackens not to be got except between Michaelmas and Martinmas.

14. Whatsoever Burgess ["or Inhabitants" deleted] shall in any year other than between the feasts of St. Michael the Archangel and St. Martin the Bishop in Winter get or carry any Brackens in Westwood or any other common or pasture of the town. Forfeit 12d. [In a later hand] Inhabitants being no Burgesses shall not get or carry any "Bracckands" at all on pain of 3s. 4d.; and no Burgess shall carry any by waynes &c. nor lay them in any man's ground; nor set above 3 of one house on work of one day. Pain 6s. 8d.

[The following item is deleted].

Governors to make search in their Wards.

Every of the 12 Governors being appointed and authorised by the Mayor to make search for observation of good rule and order within every Ward to them limited shall every fortnight or at the least every month make true and diligent search in the same [two lines erased] and also shall present to the Mayor all such as resort to dwell within their several charge which have not remained therein three years. Pain 20/-. [In a later hand] And that the constables of every ward shall present the names of every such stranger as shall come to dwell therein unto the Governor dwelling in the Ward every fortnight or month. Pain 10/-.

[The next two items in a different hand].

No persons likely to be a charge on the town to be taken in.

15. No person within the town shall receive into any house or cottage any person to inhabit and dwell being any way likely to charge the town without the licence of the Mayor and the Justices, not having remained within the town 3 years before. Pain 10/- a week.

No Corn to be bought or sold before the bell be rung.

16. That no person shall either sell or buy any Corn either coming to the market on Market Days or when the same is in the market before 12 o'clock that the market Bell be rung. Pain 3s. 4d. The informer to have 1/- of the fine.

The old Mayor to account before Candlemas.

17. The town's accounts shall be particularly made yearly by the old Mayor ["and Receivers" in a later hand] before the feast of the Purification of Our Lady next after the election of

the new Mayor before the Auditors appointed for the hearing thereof. Pain £10.

Masters of the Works.

18. There shall be two "maisters of the workes" appointed yearly by the Mayor and Governors on the same day the new Mayor is chosen; and also two masters of the Minster works; to continue for one year next following. Penalty for refusing to act 20/-.

None to be arrested in a Burgess House.

19. No person shall be arrested within the house of a Burgess without the licence of the housekeeper or goodman of the house, except Alehouses Inns Taverns or Shops where it shall be lawful to arrest any person (the keeper of the house excepted) if the doors of the houses Inns Taverns or shops be open; and if any such be arrested and rescued the rescuers shall forfeit 40/-. In default of distress offender to be committed. Any person not suffering the Sergeant to do his office shall forfeit 40/-.

No tiles to be sold to Hull.

20. No person inhabiting within the town shall make sale convey or carry away to Hull or elsewhere any tile or brick from this borough or the liberties thereof without the licence of the Mayor and Governors in writing. Pain £5. Brick and tile made and burnt at the tile kiln in Beverley at the Beck excepted.

Houses not to be taken down.

21. No person shall uncover take away or deface any house shop or layth joining on any street or lane without licence of the Mayor and Governors. Pain £5.

Burgess deley.

22. The Sergeant or bayliff upon any Burgess "deley" hereafter granted to any Burgess shall at the nine weeks end have a process to bring the party or the money into Court. In default execution to be awarded against the Surety.

[This possibly relates to the practice of admitting a Burgess and accepting a Surety for the subsequent payment of the customary fine].

Auditors.

23. At the election of the Mayor yearly there shall be chosen four Governors and four Selected Burgesses as Auditors for taking the accompt of the town's revenues the Mayor and Governors to

select the Burgesses and the 13 selected Burgesses to select the Governors, two of each Governors and Burgesses retiring each year and two of each to be appointed in their places.

The Mayor to answer for his Acts, &c.

24. Every Mayor within 20 days after he is sworne shall cause the old Mayor to be called before him and the Governors in the Council Chamber to answer not only all such causes matters things and acts as he hath wilfully wittingly or negligently committed omitted suffered or done during his Mayoralty against the furtherance of Justice or the "comoditie" of the town, as also for the wilful and willing omitting not maintaining or executing to his power and knowledge of the good orders and laws before or otherwise established in the said town; and for every offence as he shall be found culpable or faulty of by the opinion of the Mayor and Governors he shall be fined as they shall think convenient according to the nature and substance of the offence, to be levied of his goods and chattels to the town's use.

No lime to be delivered to strangers.

25. That no lime shall be delivered forth of the town to any "forryner" or stranger without licence of the Mayor and Governors until the Burgesses be provided. If the occupier of the lime kiln does so—forfeit 6s. 8d. for every horse load so delivered.

Burgesses dwelling out of the Liberties.

26. Any Burgess dwelling and remaining without the Liberties of Beverley above two months in the year, during his absence shall not have any privilege of the Common Pastures nor any privilege of his Freedom. Pain 10/-.

[The following item is deleted—see last line].

Salt, coals or turves.

27. No Burgess or Inhabitant shall sell any [salt deleted] coals or turves above Potter Hill upon pain of 40/- for every chaldron of coals sold to the contrary; and 10/- for every 1000 turves and for every quarter of salt 20/-. [In a later hand] Not after Candlemas next in this present year 1602.

No one to trade unless Apprenticed.

28. No person shall occupy any trade or occupation within the town save such as have served apprentice to the same for seven years according to the Statute. Paine 20/- for every month and if he shall refuse so to do 40/-; and on further refusal to be committed until the fine paid.

**f. 3. Election of Selected Burgesses. This Order confirmed
1st October, 1663.**

29. It shall be lawful for the Mayor and Governors yearly on the day of the election of the Mayor to nominate 26 Burgesses out of which the ["Wardens" deleted and "Burgesses" inserted] and Companies of the "Occupacions" within the town to elect and chose 13 out of the 26 to stand for the body of the town for the next year to give their consent assent or denial as heretofore hath been accustomed. Casual vacancies by death, election as a Governor, removal from the town or dismissal for misdemeanour to be filled by the rest of the 13. [In a later hand]. Refusal to come to the Chamber to be sworn—Forfeit 40/-.

[The following item is much altered in various hands and ultimately deleted].

Mayor to wear a gown. This Order repealed 3rd June, 1680.

30. The Mayor shall have and wear in his best gown a "fayce of furr" called "foymes" and a typpet of velvet to be worn every festival day and other chief days at convenient times for the worship of the town And every Governor that hath been Mayor shall wear his gown and typpet of velvet when the Mayor shall wear his upon notice given (Sundays and usual Court days excepted) and the Mayor every Court Day being a jury day shall wear his typpet and gown with foymes and every other Governor shall have a gown with foymes [In a later hand] before Easter next coming upon pain of 40/-.

And every Governor hereafter to be chosen shall within two months have his gown faced with foymes under penalty of 40/- each month.

Abuse of the Mayor and Governors.

31. If any Burgess or Inhabitant shall utter or speak in any Alehouse typling house Inn or Tavern or in any other place any undecent or unreverent speeches against the Mayor and Governors or any of them or otherwise abuse them. Forfeit 40/-. Any Burgess being present and hearing the same speeches and failing to disclose the same within a week. Forfeit 10/-. [In a later hand]. Any Burgess not able to pay to be imprisoned at the discretion of the Mayor.

[The above orders are written in one hand; the following up to the Trade ordinances are added at various times in another hand].

9th September, 1602. Mem. that this day Mr. Robt. Grey being Maior, Mr. Wm. Gee, Recorder, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Wayd, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Waller, Mr. Edward Grey, Mr. Fotherbye, Mr. Arkes, Mr. Henry Farrer, and Mr. Barrett, Governors then

present, George Tyndall, Thomas Clarke, Wm. Cowleson, Edward Davy, Francis Weeke, Rogr. Barton, and Peter Lickbarrow, Selected Burgesses then present, these orders being in number xxxi were redd allowed and confirmed as they be now reformed or altered.

[Signed by the persons above-named].

None to use two trades in one shop. 24th November 1603.

32. Ordered &c. by the Mayor and Governors that it shall not be lawful for any Burgess or other inhabitant which do use several trades to keep their wares together in one shop there to sell the same or to occupy two several trades in one shop. Forfeit every month 40/- or in default imprisonment.

Governors to wear Gowns. 14th February 1604[-5].

33. Ordered &c. that no Governors shall repair to Church upon the Sabbath Day and other days to Divine Service or to the Common Hall without a decent and comely gown. Pain 12d.

Lund Market.

34. It shall not be lawful for any person of any trade or occupation within the town to repair and resort to Lund upon the Wold to sell any wares there. Forfeit 10/-.

Disturbers in the Council Chamber. 19th January 1605[-6].

35. If any Governor or Selected Burgess at any Assembly in the Council Chamber about the town's occasions do disturb the Mayor Governors and Burgesses in speech about any motion then propounded by the Mayor by making any new motion of any other matter before the matter in speech be concluded; if found offending by the judgment of the Mayor Governors and Burgesses. Forfeit 6d.

Carts &c. with iron-bound wheels. 13th November 1606.

36. No Burgess or inhabitant within the town and liberties between 25th October and the feast of the Purification of the Virgin Marie shall use or bring upon the pavements of the town any Cart Carriage or Wain bound with iron or having above 5 nails in any wheel. Pain 6/8 for every "torne." Further any Burgess or inhabitant that setteth any "forreyner" on work with a cart or wayne in the town bound with iron. Forfeit 3/4 for every "toorne."

No fires without Chimneys, &c. 26th May 1607.

37. No person shall make or keep a fire in any house chamber or other room where there is no Chimney; Nor light any brackens

hay or straw in any house &c. where there is any Chimney adjoining used to keep fire in. Pain 40/- and one month's imprisonment.

Governors to be freed for £10 fine. 6th October 1605.

38. If any Governor desires to leave his place and office of Governor, on paying £10 to the town's use shall be thenceforth discharged and freed from that and all other inferior offices within the town for his life.

31st August 1609. Ordered and agreed by the Mayor and six of the 12 Governors that the last order shall be repealed and hereafter, for many inconveniences which they perceive may grow to the town to be annihilated and of no force for ever hereafter. Whereunto all the Selected Burgesses being present have consented.

f. 4. Constables to give notice of Strangers.

39. That every Constable within the town and liberties shall once a fortnight or at the furthest once every month make search what strangers have within 3 years last past come within their various Wards to inhabit, and give notice thereof forthwith to the Mayor and the Governors of the Ward. Pain 10/-. On receiving such notice the Governor if he think the person likely to become a charge on the town shall give notice to the Mayor so that order may be taken that the town may not hereafter be chargeable with them. Pain 40/-.

3 Sergeants only allowed.

40. There shall hereafter only be three Sergeants allowed for the making of arrests and to execute the office of Sergeant for the Court of Record (except at the usual fairs and then at Mr. Mayor's pleasure to appoint more).

[Signatures of Mayor (Christopher Farrer 1609) 7 Governors and 11 Burgesses].

Fine for Burgess refusing to be Receiver.

41. Whosoever of the Selected Burgesses elected a Receiver of the Town's Revenues shall refuse to execute the same. Forfeit £3. 6. 8. On acceptance of office he shall enter into a Bond for executing the office and making his accompt; on refusal to forfeit £3. 6. 8. and to be dismissed of the office and another appointed.

No stranger to trade.

42. No person (not being a freeman and Burgess) shall occupy or use any occupation or trade anything within the town. Forfeit for every week 10/-. And if any Warden of any Company shall receive a contribution of any person coming into the town to work at their trade before leave had and obtained of the Mayor

Governors and Burgesses. Forfeit for every person so paying 10/-, to be levied upon the Warden.

Election of a new Governor. 30th August 1609.

43. The Mayor when occasion shall be to elect a new Governor shall give notice thereof to every Governor the day before to repair to the Common Hall for that purpose. 10/- forfeit for non-attendance without reasonable excuse.

Governors leaving the town at the time of the Infection.
8th July 1610.

44. Whereas Mr. William Barrett hath left his place of Government without leave and left the town to the great danger of the spreading of the infection within his charge contrary to his oath of a Governor. Fined 40/-. Unless he returns before the 12th July he shall be displaced from his office and another chosen, and he shall be fined £10.

Any Governor leaving his charge hereafter during the time of the infection within the town shall be displaced and fined £10.

13th July 1610. 45. Mr. Barrett not having returned to the town on notice is displaced and a warrant issued to levy the fines; and another Governor is to be chosen in his place.

Mayor not to receive rents. 20th September 1610.

46. Ordered by the Mayor and Governors with the consent of the Selected Burgesses that no Mayor hereafter shall receive any of the town's rents, revenues or profits by any ways or means whatsoever but it shall be openly paid in Common Hall or Chamber to the Receivers. And that the Receivers shall keep days for receipt of monies upon every Monday and Thursday and other days of meeting, that the Town Clerk may enter them in his book and take the Receivers' hands to the same. The Mayor shall be fined £10 for every time he receives any such sum.

f. 5. **"Quest and Scheat" fees.** 18th March 1610[-11].

47. All fees for the "Scheator" and Coroner shall be taken to the town's use and only such fees taken as hath been due and of right accustomed according to the Statute.

Disturbers of Speakers. 24th October 1614.

48. If any Governor or Selected Burgess (by "vayling of his hatt" in the Council Chamber) offer to speak upon any occasion propounded by the Mayor concerning the Town's business, then any other person in the Chamber which shall disturb him so about to speak before he has ended shall forfeit 6d.

19th October 1640. This order is generally consented unto in the Guildhall by the Mayor Governors and Burgesses then assembled.

Offensive Speeches.

49. If any person in the Council Chamber shall use any offensive or contumelious speeches against any other person whereby grief or variance may arise. Forfeit 12d.

19th October 1640. This order is generally condiscended unto by the Mayor Governors and Burgesses in the Guildhall assembled.

None to keep Common who dwell not themselves. 18th April 1616.

50. No person or persons within this town and liberties, not having a house wherein they do dwell by themselves, shall have any common in the Common Pastures of the town. Fine for every beast found offending 5/-.

Buying turves of a stranger. 20th October 1628.

51. No inhabitant shall buy any turves of any stranger to sell again except the turves have continued on the River the space of three tides after the Bellman have published about the town the price rated by the Mayor. Forfeit 20/-.

Licensing carriers of turves.

52. No person shall be a "creler cadger or carrier" of turves coming to the town until he obtains a licence of the Mayor Governors and Burgesses. Pain 6/8. Any person so licensed shall be ready to carry or load the same upon notice given the night before. Forfeit 6/8.

Same day. No creler cadger or carrier shall buy to sell again any turves brought to the town "of any forren bottom." Pain 20/-.

Carriers of turves and coals.

53. Licensed carriers of turves shall not carry less than 500 upon one horse except they be Rocliffe best sort of turves, and they to have only for one horse load 2d. and so for every horse load of coals. Pain 6/8.

26th September 1636. 54. Whereas of ancient it was ordered that every Mayor should have £30 for his provision of his house. It is this day ordered that every Mayor shall have but £20. And whereas there was evidently £5 allowed for poor people and other passengers now there shall be no more allowed for that purpose than he doth make appear in writing unto the Chamber,

8th April 1639. 55. No Burgess shall sell any lime bought from the Common lime kiln at the Burgess rate of sixteen pence the quarter for a greater price than he bought it. Nor shall carry any lime so bought forth of the town to be wrought elsewhere. Pain 5/- a quarter.

Governors warned to attend meetings. 28th October 1641.

56. Every of the 12 Governors upon notice and warning the day before shall attend the Council Chamber at the time appointed to consult and advise touching the affairs of the town. Failure to attend or "being mett" shall obstinately depart before the rest. Forfeit 12d. Provided if any "be letted by sickness or other reasonable cause to be allowed by the Mayor" before the time of the meeting, he shall be exempted and discharged. On failure to pay, forfeit 2/-.

Burgesses.

57. [Similarly as to the thirteen Selected Burgesses.]

5th August 1644. 58. "A true coppie of an order sent from the Standinge Committee att Yorke unto the Governors and burgisses of the towne of Beverley."

"Upon information to this Committee that Robte Manbie who was Maior of the towne of Beverley the last yeare endinge at Mychaelmas last was unduly elected again att the last elecion contrarie to the Charter of the towne in that behalfe, And that after he was soe chosen Maior he betrayed the trust in him reposed and deserted his place & office & left the towne, & went to Yorke being then a Garrison towne & held by the Lord Newcastle against the Pliament And also took & carried away the towne's plaite, and the mace usuallie carried before the Maior as an ensign of his place & worship & also diverse soomes of moonie out of the publique treasurie of the towne & hath also received diverse soomes of moonie due to bee payd foorth of the kings exchequer to the preachers & mynisters of the towne wch is not yett payd unto the preachers; And did also duringe the time that the Lord Newcastle layd siege before Hull imposed diverse taxes assessments & diverse unjust impositions & soomes of moonie upon sundrye well affected persons within the towne of Beverley for raysing moonie for the Lord Newcastle Armie for mayntayning the War against the Pliament: All wch pticulars have bene testified to the Committee by seaven of the Aldermen & diverse other burgisses of the said towne: And by wch mysdemeanours manie great losses & damage have happened to the towne & the Coorte of Record & Sessions have not bene kept nor publique officers appoynted, or offices executed as they ought to have bene Upon consideracion whereof & for that the comminge of the said Robte Manbie to the

Cittie of Yorke & his bringinge away the plaite & mace are known to the Committee, he havinge lately bene here & brought & delivered the same in to the Committee to be kept for the use of the towne, & the said Aldermen & burgisses desiring soome decision concerning the pmisses: The Committee doth thinke fitt & advise that the Aldermen & burgisses of Beverley doe forthwith assemble themselves together in the Councell Chamber & make an order amongst themselves for displacinge & discharginge the said Robte Manbie from his office of Maior & from beinge an Alderman of the said towne & that the rest of the Aldermen they beinge all Justices of Peace & equallie enabled thereto by there Charter doe carefullie attend to the government of the towne till a new Maior shall be chosen wch the Committee referreth to themselfe to doe as they thinke fitt

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Cler."

5th August 1644. 59. "By virtue of an order directed unto us the Governors & Burgesses of the towne of Beverley from the Standing Committee at York Wee the Governors & Burgesses whose names are here subscribed doe order that Robt Manbie, laite Maior, for diverse misdemeanours in the said order expressed shall bee this present day absolutely discharged & displaced of being Maior & Governor and that att convenient time as by the said order is limited a new Governor & Maior shall be chosen."

[Signed by John Chappelow and 14 others].

"Mr. Edward Grey consenteth to this order."

14th November 1644. 60. An order in pursuance of directions from the Standing Committee at York displacing Thomas Clark and also Edward Grey in each case "for his personal defects"—followed by a note dated 3rd July 1660 that the order as to Edward Grey is "illegal & is therefor made void."

Making a stranger free. [Undated but later].

Ordered by a general consent at the assembly for the election of a new Mayor that no Stranger who has not served 7 years as apprentice to a freeman shall be made free before he pay £20.

3rd September 1650. This order confirmed at the election of the new Mayor and no repayment of any part of the £20 to be made; any of the 13 Burgesses at any time consenting to breaking this order to be removed from the Council.

3rd October 1651. Last order annulled and made void.

3rd July 1660. Revocation of the order of 14th November 1644 as regards Edward Grey he being now Mayor, the same being

illegal as he was displaced "principally for delinquency" and this word is "rased out."

Security. 15th December 1662. 61. No person of whatsoever trade calling mystery or occupation who shall come to reside in the town shall be allowed to sue out his freedom until he shall have given sufficient security that he or his wife or children shall not be chargeable to any of the three parishes nor to any person within the said parishes.

Coals. 15th November 1669.

62. Every person who leads coals on horseback or otherwise to sell in the town shall carry in every sack or poke two bushels of coals at the least. Pain 5/-.

f. 7. **Corn.**

63. Every person who shall bring any corn to be sold upon Saturday in every week shall set it upon the Corn hill in Saturday market Place during the time of the Market and not elsewhere. Penalty 1/-. Except when it rains or snows so that persons cannot conceivably stand there without prejudice to the corn. Likewise any persons permitting corn to be set within or near their houses or shops during the time of the Market. Penalty 1/- per quarter.

Governors, &c. Gowns. 3rd June 1680. Upon every summons for crying the fairs every Governor shall appear in his gown & every Burgess in a comely cloak or horseman's coat at the Guildhall at the hour appointed. Pain 20/-.

Creelers to be licensed &c. 7th November 1681.

A Creeler Cadger or Carrier of turves or coals shall be licensed by the Mayor Governors and Burgesses. Pain 6/8.

They must be ready to carry and lead on notice the night before. Penalty 6/8.

They shall carry on every horse 4 bushels of coals or 500 turves and deliver at the house of any Burgess for 2d. (Except the best sort of "Gowle Turves or Roccliffe Turves" of which 340 shall be carried for 2d.). Penalty 6/8.

[*f. 8* blank].

TRADE ORDINANCES.

[*fos.* 9 to 55. Contain the "Ordinancies" of the various trades and occupations. (1596 to 1674). The items are not numbered in the original MS.]

MERCHANTS and MERCERS.

f. 9. "Ordinances for the Brotherhood of Marchants or Marcers in Beverley in the County of Yorke."

"In the honor of Almighty God and for the Worshipp of this town of Beverley the Common Wealth of the said town and the laudable order and good Government of the Brotherhood and Company of Marchants & Mercers within the same these orders Constitutions and Ordinances following, as well of Ancient tyme used ordayned and founded by the assent consent and supplication of the Company of Marchants or Mercers within this said towne of Beverley and granted by the late twelve Governors of the sayd towne in the Yeare of our Lord God One thousande two hundreth fower score and tenne As now renewed augmented and amplified mayd and agreed upon by the Maior and Governors of the sayd Towne of Beverley in the time of Chrofer Lodge now Warden of the sayd Company of Marchants or Mercers afforesayd forevermore hereafter Inviolable to be kepte and observed amongst the Brethren of the sayd brotherhoode and Company the Contributors of the same and others exercising and using the sayd trayd or any part thereof within the sayd towne of Beverley That is to say by the Right Worshipfull William Maxey nowe [1596] Maior of the sayd towne of Beverley Lancelot Alford, Esquier, Chrofer Rydley, Raphe Freeman, Phillip Wayde, Peter Pape, Thomas Metcalf, Robt. Clarke, Robte. Robinson, Thomas Waller, Robte Grey, and Edward Grey the Governors and Counsell of the sayd Towne of Beverley At the instaunce supplication and request of the sayd Chrofer Lodge Warden of the sayd Company of Brotherhoode with his Stewards [blank] Together with the assent motion and consent of Peter Harpm (one of the Governors and Counsell of the sayd towne)."

[1] The Election of the Warden and Stewards.

"Imprimis it is ordered graunted and agreed by the sayd Maior and Governors at the Request of the aforesaid Brotherhoode & companye of Marchants or Mercers That from henceforth forevermore accordinge as in tymes past without memory of man hath bene used there shall be and so shall continue of the sayd Marchants or Marcers One fraternitie or Brotherhoode as ther hath bene & is of other brotherhoodes and syences within this sayd towne of Beverley And that yearely for ever hereafter upon the Sunday next & imediately following the feast-day of the

blessed Trenitye in the Common hall or Hanshouse of Beverley aforesayd They or the most pte of them by thes presents shall ellect and chose amongst themselves one Rewler called a Warden two Stewards and two Searchers to Rewle and Governe the sayd Companye of Marchants or Mercers accordinge to the ordinances contained in this originall And such ordinances as hereafter by the sayd Maior and Governors and ther successors shall be for one whole yeare then next followinge And he wch shall be elected and chosen to the office of a Warden and the same office shall refuse shall forfitt and pay to the Maior Governors and Burgesses of the said town for the common expenses thereof and to the sayd Company of Marchants for the expenses of the sayd Company fortye shillings equally to be devided; And he that shall be chosen to the offices of a steward and the same shall refuse he shall forfitt and pay Sixe shillings eight pence in forme aforesaid to be devided. The sayd several forfeitures and somes to be levied by Distresse of the goods of the partie so offending by the Warden of the sayd Company for the tyme beinge."

[As these Orders down to No. 24 are copied into the Great Order Book almost verbatim from those made in 1582 contained in the Great Guild Book and published in full in "Beverley Town Documents" (Selden Society Vol. 14 (1900)) only very short abstracts of them are given. That publication should be referred to for the full text.]

[2] The Election of the Searchers.

f. 9a. Two Searchers shall be elected annually on the same day being "Substantiall honest and reliable persons of the same Science"; to survey, view, search try and examine all persons using practising and exercising the trade or mystery of a Merchant or Mercer and also their weights yards elms and measures. And to present all defaults of the Company which they shall find before the Mayor and Governors. All stuff and other things found not allowable to be forfeited or the value thereof to be divided and levied as aforesaid. Penalty for Searcher refusing to act 10/- to be divided.

[Note. All fines are divided between the Corporation and the Company unless otherwise stated].

[3] Rebuking the Warden.

Any Brother or Contributor disobedient to the lawful commands of the Warden concerning the utility commodity and profit of the occupation, or giving him undecent, unseemly or opprobrious words concerning the business of the science in his office doing. Forfeit 6/8.

[4] Rebuking the Stewards.

“Either by word or deed in their office doing.” Forfeit 3/4.

[5] Rebuking one brother another.

If any Brother “Unhonestly or undecently revile rebuke or misuse with words ierfull or dede either upon malice or other secrett hatred or evil will” any of his brethren. Forfeit 3/4.

[6] Rebuking the Searchers.

“or will not permit and suffer them to search.” Forfeit 6/8.

[7] Discorde betwixt brother and brother.

If any variance strife discord and debate shall chance to arise and happen between brothers other than for treason murder felony or “specialtyes” complaint shall be made first to the Warden who shall call his brethren together to hear and examine the grief causes and effects thereof and shall request the parties to put the matter to the arbitrament of the Warden and four brethren to be elected by the parties. On failure to abide by the judgment of the Arbitrators the party to forfeit 6/8 to the Corporation and the Company. Any party not satisfied with the judgment of the Arbitrators may complain to the Mayor and Governors and if they decide that the judgment was “indifferent” the party complaining of it shall forfeit 13/4 to be divided.

f. 10. [8] Absence from the election of the Warden.

If any brother be absent at the election of the Warden being warned by the Stewards the night before, or shall obstinately depart before the residue of his brethren. Forfeit 3/4 to be divided.

[9] For making Prime Gyldes.

The Warden may assign an Assembly or meeting, one or more, called a prime guild or guilds for any matter touching the profit business or wealth pertaining to the occupation. Who-soever doth not come being warned the night before. Forfeit 6d to the occupation only. Especially failure to attend after warning the marriage or burial of a Brother or Sister. Forfeit 2/6 to be divided as aforesaid.

[10] For a brother dying in poverty.

If any Brother or Sister shall die in misery and poverty thereby lacking to bring them honestly and decently to the ground, the Warden shall of the common expenses of the Science disburse so much money as shall be requisite for their burials and funerals. Forfeit in default 6/8 to be divided.

[11] Payment of a brother at his marriage, to the occupation.

Any brother who shall be married in Beverley and having the Warden and Brethren accompanying him to the Church shall pay to the Warden, to the use of the Trade only, 2/- in "English money."

And at his or their burial.

If any brother depart from this world his Executors or Administrators shall give to the use of the occupation, if he be able, 2/6, so that he be accompanied with the Warden and Brethren to the place of burial.

[12] Upsettes.

Every person of the said occupation now being in Beverley or which shall come and dwell, being a Town's man or a stranger, and there set up the Trade of a Merchant or Mercer, that is to say in buying selling and retailing of wares and merchandizes of any kind to the value of £10, shall first come to the Warden humbling and binding himself to perform and keep all the ordinances in this present original contained during his abode in Beverley ["and also licence of him to occupy the trade aforesaid" included in the 1582 Order is omitted in the present one] and shall pay for his "upsett" 10/- current money of England. Half to the town and half to the occupation.

Contribution of a stranger.

If the said person do think himself not able to be burgess and come in Brotherhood, but craves the Warden and his brethren to occupy and use the said trade by the name of a Contributor until he shall be able to come in and be brother, and to bear the costs and charges, shall pay yearly for a contribution, whilst he shall be burgess and brother, 6/8 to be divided.

Brotherhood of a stranger.

Which person when he shall be received into the Brotherhood shall be sworn according to the oath [below] by the Warden before all the Brethren and pay 10/- to the use of the occupation only.

Exception.

Always "foreseene" and excepted that every person being born, and having served the full term of his apprenticeship with any freeman, in the town, also those not so born yet having ["not" in Selden is an obvious error] served the full term of apprenticeship with a freeman in the town, setting up as a master in the trade shall pay only 10/- to be divided. Likewise if he shall refuse to be a brother for good cause but is willing to be a contributor he shall pay until he be made a brother and Burgess 4/- yearly to be divided. When he comes in as Burgess and brother he shall pay 6/8 to the occupation only.

[13] The contribution of him which is in Brotherhood with any others.

Any person whether in brotherhood with any other occupation or not who occupies any part of the science of a merchant or mercer to the value of £6. 13. 4 a year in merchandise shall contribute yearly 5/- to be divided.

[14] Apprentices.

No brother shall take an apprentice for a less term than 7 years according to the Statute without fraud deceit or collusion. And pay for enrolling him 2/6 to the use of the occupation only.

[15] Instruction of persons.

No Contributor to the said trade or occupation shall take an apprentice until he be both burgess and brother. Forfeit 10/- to be divided.

[16] Smiths.

Every Smith who shall buy unwrought iron and sell it in like manner, not altered converted and wrought according to their science, shall pay yearly 6/8 for a contribution, to be divided.

[17] A Contributor shall be Brother if he be able.

Every person exercising the said trade for his maintenance and living by the name of a Contributor shall make himself brother and burgess if so required by the Warden and by him and four brothers be adjudged able and meet. Penalty for refusal 10/- to be divided.

[18] Clothing.

The Warden shall elect and choose six of the "auncientest" brethren to appoint and ordain clothing and decent apparel for all the brethren as in time past hath been accustomed viz: every man according to his ability, so that the said clothing and vesture be of like suit as appointed, to be ready on this side Cross Monday next. Any brother not so ready, or who afterwards do depart from or sell the same shall be discharged of his Brotherhood and excluded from the Company.

The said clothing to be worn at any Assembly or Prime Guild. Forfeit 12d.

[19] A brother forsaking his occupation without license.

Any brother which for cause of envy or malice will refuse his brotherhood and absent himself from their company contrary to his promise at the time of his entry, except by permission and license of the Warden and the most part of his brethren. Forfeit 20/- to be divided.

[20] Dinner.

The Warden every year shall prepare at his own house or some other place one dinner for all his brethren and their wives upon the day of the account that is upon the second [blank in MS.] next after the feast day of St. Thomas following the feast of St. Peter the Apostle yearly, according to ancient custom. If the Warden be negligent he shall forfeit 40/- to the Company. Every brother shall pay to the Warden 6d. "English money" for himself and his wife for the dinner, whether he attend or not.

[21] Accompte.

Every year on the night before the second Sunday following the feast of St. Thomas [as in 20] the Warden shall give warning the night before to all the Brethren to be present at the Common Hall or Hanshouse of Beverley to hear the account; at which the Warden shall finally "lye down" all money which he hath received in his year, so that nothing shall remain to be gathered by the new Warden, which was due for the year then ended. Forfeit in default £3. 6. 8. to be divided.

[22] Which shall raise any Slander of his Brother.

If any brother shall "backbyte or rayse any false lyes or slander" upon any of his brethren, whereby he shall be defamed and lose his good name credit and fame. On proof before the Warden and brethren, forfeit $\frac{3}{4}$ to be divided, over and besides satisfaction to his brother as the Warden and brethren think requisite.

Discord new rehearsed.

Further what discord, strife, dissension, debate, slander or defamation shall be appeased and ended by the Warden, between brother and brother, and shall of new be rehearsed upon malice, on proof as before, forfeit $\frac{3}{4}$ to be divided.

[23] Disobedience of Warden, Stewards or Searchers.

If any brother or contributor in any matter pertaining to the "commoditie" and wealth of the occupation shall disobey the Warden, Stewards and Searchers or refuse to pay forfeit for default or transgression; or shall transgress offend and withstand any of the ordinances. Forfeit $\frac{6}{8}$ to be divided, over and above the forfeitures above mentioned at the discretion of the Mayor and Governors according to the quantity of his offence, being tried without delay, or any forgiveness.

[24] The Warden shall find Sureties for his accompte.

Every new Warden shall find two sufficient sureties, being

brethren, that he shall make a true and just accompte of all receipts and expenses in his year "without alteracion or drifte, fraud, covin or collusion." If he neglect or refuse—forfeit £20 to be divided.

[The following 5 orders are new, and additional to those made in 1582].

[25] None to sell fustians except such as were Apprenticed.

Granted, etc., the 25th July 1596 by the Mayor and Governors of Beverley that no person inhabiting and dwelling in the town not of the household and family of the Merchants and Mercers, which have not been apprentice with any merchant or mercer shall sell and exchange any "fustyands, sylke, buttons, holand cloth or other lynne cloth" above two shillings an ell, or any "cambrik, lawne" or other merchant or mercer wares whatsoever which have been usually occupied time out of memory by the said "mistrye" of Merchants and Mercers. Forfeit 20/- of good English money, to be divided as aforesaid.

f. 12. [26]. Every brother to come in his gowne, black capp and decent attyer.

Granted etc. the same day by the Mayor and Governors with the assent of the brethren that every brother at every solemn meeting by the Mayor or Warden caused to be commanded and warned shall come decently arrayed in his gown, black cap, and other decent and comely vestures. Forfeit 6/8 to the Company only.

[27] No forrener to open or sett to sayle any merchandises in the mkett before xii of the clock; except Cross Fayre.

Granted etc. by the Mayor and Governors that no "forrener" or stranger shall upon any Market Day (except in the time of "Crossdayes" and during that fair) open or sett to sale any kind of merchandise or mercer's wares before twelve of the clock in the noonday. Forfeit 3/4 to be divided.

[28] No stranger to cutt retail or sell any lynnen cloth, &c.

No stranger or "forrener" shall cut retail or sell any "lynnen cloth, seckecloth, Manchester wayres, knitt stockings" or any kind of merchandise or mercery whatsoever in any house or secret place (but only in the common place or hall of Beverley) to the hindrance of the Merchants and Mercers aforesaid. Forfeit 20/- to be divided.

[29] [In another hand].

Noe draper to occupie the trade of a mercer or merchant and noe mercer or merchant to occupie the trayde of a draper.

Forfeit for every month 40/- and on refusal to pay, the Mayor to commit the offender to prison until he pay.

[30] **The forme of the oathe to be ministered at the Receyte of every newe brother wch followeth in thes wordes.**

This sweare I, A.B., that I shall from henceforth dewring the tyme that I shall inhabite and remayne within this sayd towne of Beverley be obedient to the Warden of my Company or occupacion & obey and performe all the lawfull comandents of him conserninge the honestie wealth and comoditie of the same, and will not by any meanes to my power or abilitie withstand interrupte breake or dissanulle any the ordynances rewles & grants or any of them in this present originall contayned being graunted or wch shalbe graunted & confirmed by the Worshipfull Mr. Maior & his brethren the Governors of this Towne of Beverley for the tyme being, & shall not be obstinate, but allwayes willinge to my power and abylytie when I shall be comanded by my sayd Warden for the tyme being to ayde and supporte my sayd Warden against such person & persons being in brotherhood in this occupacion or in brotherhood with any other occupacion in this towne, and using his trayd or any parte thereof as shall resist rebell disobey and neckelecte the ordynances and grauntes aforesaid now mayd or wch hereafter shalbe mayd and graunted for the causes aforesayd So help me God and by the contents of this booke.

God Save the Queene.

DRAPERS.

[These ordinances are modelled largely on those made in 1572 (see p. 106 of "Beverley Town Documents") brought up to date, e.g., a Warden is substituted for an Alderman and the Mayor and Governors of the town for the Twelve Keepers and Governors, etc. The items are not numbered in the original and abstracts only are given].

Ordinances for the Brotherhood of Drapers in Beverley in the County of Yorke.

Whereas of ould and auncient tyme without memory of man the drapers of this towne of Beverley have had and used certayn good and Godly orders for the preservacion and mayntenance of the sayd occupacion in this towne And now by lawes and statutes of this Realme part of the same orders are abollished and extinguished Nevertheless for that the sayd occupacion

are myndefull to have good rewle and order kepte amongst them hereafter Therefore Willm. Maxey, Maior of the towne of Beverley, Lancellot Alford, Esq., Peter Harpham, Christofer Rydley, Philip Wayd, Peter Pape, Thomas Metcalfe, Robt. Clarke, Robte. Robinson, Thomas Waller, Robte. Grey and Edward Grey, the Governors of the same in the yeare of our Lord God 1596 at the petition and humble sewte and request of Thomas Capleman, Warden of the sayd occupation, Raphe Freeman (one other of the Governors of the sayd towne).

[1] Election of the Warden and Stewards.

It is ordained by the Mayor and Governors that they shall yearly upon Tewsday in Rogacion Weeke chose and elect a discreet man to be Warden, and two Stewards, to rule and govern the brethren for a year. Forfeits for refusal to act, Warden 20/-, Stewards 10/- to be divided between the Town and the occupation.

[2] Two prime guildes every yeare.

They shall have yearly two meetings or congregations called pryme guilds one upon the feast of "St. John the Vangelest in Christinmes" and the other the second Monday after Easter.

Forfeit for absence 2/- to be divided (unless for reasonable cause or sickness).

[3] Upsett.

Every man whether burgess or not who shall occupy buying and selling of cloth by retail in his open shop or market shall pay the first year for his upsett $3/4$ to the use of the occupation, etc.

[4] New mayd brother shall pay to Sex power folke vid.

Every new brother of the said trade of a draper shall pay at his first entering, at the discretion of the Warden and Steward, to six poor folk 6d.

[5] Dissobedience to Warden and Stewards.

Every person of the said trade shall obey all honest and lawful commandments and ordinances of the Warden and Stewards. Pain 10/-.

[6] The Warden to make his accompte.

Yearly on the Monday after the feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist the Warden and Stewards shall make his account in some honest place and warn the brethren to come and hear it. Whosoever is absent without reasonable cause or who shall "abyd without" shall pay $6/8$. If the Warden make not his account and do not do his duty to his brethren, nor make due satisfaction. Forfeit 20/- to be divided.

[7] Dissention betwixt brother and brother.

If any strife or debate happen betwixt brother and brother (felony treason and specialties excepted) he that thinketh himself wronged shall first show his grief to the Warden and Stewards and stand to the award of them and two ancient brethren to be chosen by both parties. Penalty for refusal to choose, or to stand to the award 10/- to be divided.

[8] Decent attyer.

No brother shall come to any general meeting without his gown and his hose and doublet decent. Forfeit 6/8.

[9] Two Searchers chosen yearly.

The fraternity yearly shall chose amongst themselves two honest men commonly called Searchers to search all "yeard wands" and all other defaults and injuries to the trade and science of a draper, to be yearly before the Mayor and Governors by the Warden presented and sworn that all injuries and defaults by them found as well by "contributors forreners and strangers" as by any brother, shall be shown to the Mayor and Governors. Disturbance of the searchers with any words of wrath or dishonesty. Forfeit 6/- to be divided.

[10] None to sell Woollen Cloth but such as have served.

Whosoever shall occupy buying and selling of woollen cloth belonging to the trade of a draper and hath not served as an apprentice for 7 years at the trade. Forfeit for every month [blank in MS.] shillings to be divided.

[11] Searchers and Stewards necklecting ther Office.

If any Searcher or Steward do offend in "neckelecting" their offices. Forfeit for each offence 6/8 to be divided.

[12] Noe forrener to sell any cloth butt in the Guild hall except Market Dayes.

No "forrener" dwelling forth of this town, bringing any kind of cloth in packs or otherwise to the town to sell, shall open or show the same in any private house or place but only in the Common Market upon Market Days; and in the week day to repair to the Common Hall or other appointed place to show their said "clothes" and to take their most gain by wholesale only, and not to cut by yard only on Market Day in open fair or market. Forfeit 20/- for every pack so showed or sold the same being evidently proved before the Mayor and Governors; to be divided.

[f. 14 blank].

f. 15.

BUTCHERS.

(See also f. 50).

[This is the first complete revision of the Butchers' Ordinances, which were originally made in 1365, and added to from time to time, the last addition being in 1565 (see Beverley Town Documents pp. 123 to 131). As before abstracts only are given. The items are not numbered in the MS.].

1596. "Ordinances for the occupation of Butchers in Beverley in the County of Yorke."

"In the honoure of Allmightie God and for the Worshipp and decoracion of this towne and Comynaltie of Beverley and for the better order hereafter to be observed and kept amongst the brethren and occupiers of the same science within the sayd towne, The ordynances and constitutions in these presents hereafter ensewing granted and made to the brethren of the sayd faculty by the twelve Governors of this towne some tyme being, the tyme whereof the memory of man is not now to the contrary, not only in the most parte but now at the special instance and request of Willm Parkinson, Warden of the same science [4 lines left blank] being the rest of the societie and brethren of the same faculty, And confirmed corroborated and augmented by the Right Worshipful Willm Maxey, Maior, Launcelot Alford [etc.] the Governors of the said towne of Beverley for ever hereafter inviolable to be observed and kepte the xxi^{tie} day of July in the xxxviij^{tie} yeare of the raigne of our Sovraigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queene of England Fraunce and Ireland defender of the faith."

[1] Ellection of the Warden and Stewards.

"First and principally it is ordeyned concluded and fully agreed and now confirmed ordered and enacted by the sayd Maior and Governors now beinge, That the sayd butchers and ther successors of the same facultye being burgisses within this sayd towne and of abilitie, and so judged by the Maior and Governors of the same towne for the tyme being, shalbe one company and brotherhood" and that yearly upon Saturday after Trinity Sunday they shall elect amongst themselves one discreet person to be their Warden to rule and govern the brotherhood, and all others occupying as well within this town as the limits and precincts of the same, for one year; And likewise two Stewards to serve the Warden. Forfeit for non-acceptance, the Warden 20/- and the Stewards 3/4 to be divided.

[2] Election of the Searchers.

At the same time yearly they shall elect two Searchers who shall be sworn before the Mayor and Governors to survey view and

search all such victuals and flesh of all manner and sorts belonging to the faculty as well of the butchers in the town as of all others bringing victuals to the same to be sold in gross or retail. All victuals found "infectyve, faultie and unholosome for man's body" to be presented to the Mayor and Governors in the Guildhall or hanshouse with the names of the sellers. Searchers found "remisse, slacke or neckeligent" to forfeit 6/8.

[3] Contribution of a forren Butcher.

Any "forren butcher" which shall resort to the town to sell any manner of flesh, gross or retail, shall pay yearly for a contribution 20d. to the expenses and maintenance of the occupation only, and find sureties for the payment thereof.

[4] A Forren Butcher to bringe the hide, etc.

Every foreign butcher who shall bring flesh to the town to sell shall likewise bring the hide skin and tallow (swine excepted) and show it in open market upon pain to forfeit the whole carcase and bulk.

[5] Also to bringe the head of every Yongerage.

And also when they shall bring the flesh of any beast called a "yonger age" to sell shall likewise bring the head to be shewed accordingly upon pain to forfeit the whole of the flesh thereof.

[6] Noe flesh to be killed from Saturday night till Monday morninge.

He which slays any manner of flesh from Saturday at even until Monday at twelve of the clock shall forfeit 3/4; to be divided. (Fair times and coming of any Nobleman or by licence of the Mayor excepted).

[7] No butcher shall buy flesh to sell again.

If any brother buy any manner of flesh coming to the market or at any other time to sell again. Forfeit 6/8; to be divided.

[8] Upsettes, Apprentices, Journeymen and Contributors.

Every person entering newly into the said faculty shall pay on the Monday in Rogation Week next following for his upsett to the Warden 3/4; Every apprentice likewise at his entrance 2/-; Every journeyman yearly on the same day 6d.; Every contributor yearly 4/- (the last only to be divided).

[9] Absence of any Brother from any meeting, warned.

If any brother be summoned to come to any congregation

or meeting at the place assigned by the Warden and doth not come. Forfeit 12d. to the science.

[10] If any butcher do refuse to be burgess and brother being able.

If any person of the said science found able to be burgess and brother by the Warden and his brethren and will not, and is presented to the Mayor and Governors and thought able by them shall forfeit yearly 20/- to be divided.

[11] Every Butcher shall be obedient to the Commandment of the Warden.

Every man of the said occupation shall be obedient to the lawful commandments of the Warden by his Stewards given concerning the business of the occupation. Forfeit 3/4.

[12] Rebuking of the Warden.

If any man of the said occupation rebuke the Warden with opprobrious or unseemly words in his office doing. Forfeit 6/8 to be divided.

[13] Rebuking the Stewards and Searchers.

In doing their office. Forfeit 3/4; to be divided.

[14] What the Searchers may do by their office.

The searchers any day in the week may search for corrupt victuals in any shop. Penalty for interference 3/4; to be divided.

f. 16. [15] No butcher shall ryde on the Sunday to buy any victualls.

If any of the science do ride or go forth upon the Sunday to buy any victualls (except on the common fair days). Forfeit 6/8; to be divided.

[16] No forren butcher shall bring any wares to kyll.

No "forryner" or stranger dwelling forth of this town shall bring any manner of beast or cattle or any kind of wares to kill the same within this town. Forfeit per head killed 3/4; to be divided.

[17] No forren butcher to open or sell before xii of the Clock.

All forren butchers that bring any dead victualls to the Market to sell shall not open any pack or show any victualls before 12 o'clock "that the bell be ronge" And likewise to pack up at 4 o'clock when the bell shall be rung again. Forfeit for every joint of meat so sold contrary to this order 3/4; to be divided.

[18] No bull to be kylled without Baytinge bet. Pentecost and Michallmas.

No butcher shall kill any bull betwixt Pentecost until the feast of St. Michael "tharkangel" (except the bull be openly baited at some of the usual places, and to have three courses at the least or more, at the discretion of the Mayor if he shall require the same). Penalty $3/4$; to be divided.

[19] No butcher shall cast into the Streets any corrupte thyng.

No butcher shall cast into the streets or lanes, whereby the people may be annoyed, any "bludd, guttes, gorgeattes, or hornes or other filth," Forfeit $3/4$; to be divided.

[20] [In a later hand]. No butcher shall open his shopp Windows [on Sundays].

If any of the said trade do not shut up his shop windows every Sunday from Saturday at night till Monday morning; or do between 9 o'clock on Saturday night and 4 o'clock on Monday morning sell any flesh or victualls to any person—forfeit 40/- to be divided.

[See new orders of the Butchers made in 1623 at *f.* 50].

BAKERS.

(See also *f.* 45).

f. 17. [These ordinances are struck out in the MS.].

1596. Ordinancies for the occupacion of Bakers in Beverley.

In honour of Almighty God and for the worship of this town of Beverley, at the instance of Mathew Storme, Warden, Thomas Brand [and 20 others named] brethren of the said science, these ordinances and constitutions were ordained by the authority and consent of the Mayor (William Maxey) and Governors of Beverley hereafter to be observed etc. the 15th July 1596.

The orders are modelled on the form of the Butchers and other orders immediately preceding, and recite "that henceforth as heretofore it hath bene used tyme without memory of man (that is to witte) in the yeare of our Lord God 1427 and in the sixt yeare of King Henry the Sixte They and their successors bakers inhabytinge and being burgesses within this towne shalbe one sociate brotherhood fellowship and company."

Then follow orders in the usual form, with penalties usually divided, as in the case of the previous occupations, dealing with the following matters:—(1) Election of Warden on the Saturday after Holy Trinity; (2) Two Searchers, to survey view and search of all manner of bread made and baked to be sold in the town;

any default found for want of workmanship, or that the same be not wholesome for man's body to be penalised by a forfeit of 4/-; (3) Election of two Stewards; (4) Penalty for refusing to be Warden 20/-; (5) Or Searcher, 13/4; (6) Or Steward, 13/4; (7) Upset, for a common Baker who is a "maister," 3/4, and for his brotherhood 3/4 to the occupation only; (8) Absence at prime guilds and meetings of the brethren 12d. to the occupation only; (9) Abusing the Warden, 13/4; (10) Reproving the Searchers and Stewards, 2/-; (11) The Warden to keep and render his accounts at the Guildhall or Hanshouse on the Saturday after Holy Trinity; in default, 10/-; (12) Penalty for a brother hindering the making and rendering of the account, 3/4, provided that it is lawful for any brother to give judgment and advice on the account for the reforming of any matter that shall be found disorderly done and spent; (13) Annual payment of 10/- as contributions by persons, not burgess or brother, who shall take in hand the trade of baking "bread or cayke" to sell either by "dusson" or otherwise by retail until he become brother, none to use or occupy the trade without licence of the Warden, forfeit 10/-.

f. 18. (14) Apprentices to serve for seven years and any "maister" taking one to pay 2/- to the Warden; and no master to instruct any person in baking unless bound apprentice by indenture or recorded in the Guildhall by the Town Clerk, penalty, 6/8; (15) Discord between brothers to be settled in the usual way by arbitration, as follows:—Complaint to the Warden; hearing by four or six eldest brethren; reference by them for arbitrament to the Warden and 4 or 6 of the eldest brethren chosen by the parties; right of appeal to the Mayor and Governors. The award to be enforced by penalties; (16) The Warden and Searchers to search and view monthly whether the ordinances are being observed, and to present any default to the Mayor and Governors within seven days; (17) Every brother at all meetings and prime guilds to wear such decent apparel and array as the Warden and four elder brethren shall think most meet for their calling and estate, either in a gown or decent cloak and other suitable apparel, penalty 6/8, and after the election of the Warden in comely order accompany him home "and there the Warden shall bestowe upon them such friendly and brotherly cheare as he shall vouchsafe and thinke convenient"; contributors and journeymen to attend meetings on reasonable warning; (16) Hired servants or journeymen to pay 4d. yearly with a penalty of 6d. for non-payment, the master to deduct it from his wages; (17) Chiding, brawling, quarrelling or dissension in deed or word between brothers, contributors or journeymen, not appeased at the first warning by the Warden, penalty 3/4, if continued after warning 6/8; (18) No brother or other person shall carry any manner of bread, cakes, pies, pastries, and cheesecake to be hawked from house to house; but only to the

Queen's Market on appointed Market Days, viz. Wednesdays and Saturdays. Penalty $3/4$ and forfeiture of the bread, etc. to the use of the Mayor at his discretion; (19) "Forreners" bringing bread to the town not to sell in the market before 9 o'clock nor after 12 o'clock. Penalty $6/8$ and forfeiture of bread, and no foreigner to leave any bread with any huckster for sale in the town after that hour under a like penalty; (20) No brother or other person shall use the mark of another man his bread, but only his own proper mark. Penalty $3/4$; (21) No baker shall employ the servant of another baker until he has paid and made his account and fully discharged himself at his departure from his former master. Penalty 20/-; (22) If any brother or sister marry, or die not having wherewithall to pay burial charges the Warden and brethren shall bear the cost of burial. The Warden and brethren in decent order and best array shall accompany the party to Church at the marriage; and likewise the dead corpse to the place of burial. Penalty $3/4$.

f. 19. (23) No huckster or other person (innholders and victuallers and such as brew to sell excepted) shall buy bread of any baker or contributor to sell again; the common bakers shall serve the town and market themselves without delivering any bread to a huckster to sell again. Penalty $6/8$; (24) No brother shall take any man's children or his own son to teach him to "boulte, temse or weye" or any other thing belonging to the occupation but within 14 days shall register him in the book as an apprentice. Penalty 10/-. No contributor shall take any apprentice at all. Penalty 40/-; (25) No brother or contributor having a "horse myllne" shall grind any wheat belonging to any brewster, victualer, innholder, or "bowell baker." Penalty 10/-; (26) No common baker or contributor shall bake any bread or cake on the Sabbath Day; nor travel with horse or on foot to any place with bread or cake on that day, unless for the use of "the nobillitie, gentillman of warshipp or to some other of good estate and cauling" by licence of the Mayor and the Warden. Penalty $6/8$; (27) No innholder or victualler shall bake any white bread called household bread ["or horsebread within there howses" struck out] to set before any strangers or other persons if they do not [*sic*] exceed four persons, but shall buy it of the common bakers to set before their guests if they exceed four persons; the Warden and Searchers to make search accordingly, penalty $6/8$; further order [in a later hand] that all of the said trade which bake any household wheat bread shall make it good and sweet bread; and that every two "pennie loafs" shall weigh three penny worth of their other white bread,

f. 20.

CARPENTERS.

(See also *f.* 43).

“Ordinances for the occupacions of Carpinters, Joyners, Millnwrightes, & thos that Cogge or Spindle any Wynd Myllne or Horse Myllne, Wheale wrightes, Sawers, Cowpers, Bowers, Fletchers, Turners, Bottellmakers, Disheturners, Temesmakers, Syvemakers, Kyttmakers, Scuttellmakers, Basketmakers, Skeppmakers, Stimmemakers and Bottell Turners in Beverley within the County of Yorke.”

The preamble recites that the ordinances are made at the instance of William Clarke, Warden and 13 named Brethren with the assent of William Maxey, Mayor, and the Governors whose names are set out, the 24th July 1596.

They are in the usual form and recite that time out of mind, viz., in 1427 and in the 6th year of the reign of Henry 6th the said faculties, being burgesses shall be one society, brotherhood, fellowship and company; and provide for (1) Election of Warden on the Saturday after St. John Baptist; (2) Three Searchers to look for faulty and unlawful workmanship and to assess fines for it subject to revision by the Mayor and Governors (penalties being divided as before); anyone complaining to the Searchers of unlawful workmanship to pay to them 4d. apiece for their pains; (3) Election of two Stewards; (4) Penalty for refusal to accept office of Warden, 13/4; Searchers, for the same, 10/- and (5) Stewards, 6/8; (6) Journeymen or contributors disobeying the Warden, or being absent from prime guilds or meetings to pay 3/4; absence of the Warden or Stewards, 6/8; (7) Searchers to be allowed to search; penalty for “culpable workmanship,” 2/-; if no complaint is made to the searchers within one month after the work completed the complainant to take it without satisfaction; (8) Chiding one brother another, 3/4; (9) Abusing the Warden, 6/8; (10) None to set up as a master, except he be thought able by the Warden and Searchers, and with the licence of the Warden and four ancient brethren. Upset, 3/4. None to be brother until he is made burgess; (11) None to work in any of the said sciences unless he pay 6/8 yearly as a contributor; (12) Hired servants to pay 2/- yearly; (13) Apprentices to be bound for 7 years; the master to pay 2/- to the Warden for receiving and entering any stranger in the book as apprentice, but if his own son, or that of a brother or freeman of the said faculties 12d. only. No instruction to be given except to apprentices bound by Indenture or duly recorded at the Guildhall.

f. 21. (14) Every “aliant & such as are not fredynasynes” who shall come to the town to work and exercise any of the said sciences, shall yearly pay 20/-; (15) Strife betwixt brother and brother to be dealt with (as in other occupations) by arbitration, with a right of appeal to the Mayor and Governors; (16) Contributors

failing to pay contributions to have their working tools distrained to the value of $13/4$ and kept until they pay; (17) Contributors adjudged of ability to become burgesses and brethren and refusing to pay $20/-$ yearly; (18) The Warden to submit his accounts to the brethren at the Guildhall or Hanshouse on the Saturday after St. John the Baptist, any deficiency for the year to be met by the brethren in equal shares; any surplus to be handed to the new Warden. The brethren not to hinder the rendering of the account but to be entitled to give their judgment and advice; (19) No brother contributor or journeyman shall work with any Londoner at the time of Cross fair about the making and finishing their shops; nor lend or hire any boards for any such work, without the licence of the Warden; (20) Every brother to attend prime guilds and general meetings in a gown and decent apparel suitable thereunto if he be thought of ability by the Warden and four ancient brethren; the rest to wear a decent cloak; none to be in brotherhood but such as are able to have a gown or decent cloak; (21) No tiler, labourer or artificer to take any work belonging to the said sciences, not being a brother or contributor; (22) Brothers to attend the marriage or burial of brothers or sisters in decent order; and to pay the burial charges of those unable to pay; (23) New brother to pay $2/6$ to the Warden before admission; (24) No brother, journeyman or contributor to go hawking about in the town to offer themselves to work before they be spoken to; (25) The old Warden to give a dinner for all the brethren and sisters on the Monday after midsummer day. Every brother to pay 12d. for himself and his wife; (26) Absence of any brother from pryme guilds, congregations and meetings without reasonable cause, 6d. Refusal to pay the fine, 12d. and upon further refusal, $3/4$.

f. 22. (27) [The following orders were added 27th June 1670] No person to buy any wooden vessel to sell again without giving surety for the payment of a contribution of $6/8$; and no foreigner to set to sale any such wares except in open fair or market on pain of $6/8$; (28) No burgess or inhabitant shall set any foreigner on work in any of the said faculties, except it be repairing or making any plough, wain or cart, on pain of $6/8$, provided if after notice to the Warden he cannot get any sufficient workmen in the town within a week after notice the company shall forfeit $6/8$ and then he may engage any foreigner to do the work without contribution.

f. 23.

SMITHS.

1596. "Ordinances for the occupation of Smithes in Beverley within the County of Yorke."

The usual recital of the making of the ordinances on the petition of Roger Pickeringe, Warden; with the assent of William Maxey, Mayor and the Governors. There is no date given, but

they are obviously made at the same time as those preceding; the usual reference to the antiquity of the Company does not appear, otherwise they follow similar lines.

(1) Warden, two Stewards and two "Supervisors or Searchers" to be elected annually on the morrow after St. John Baptist Day. The Searchers to present defaults as well to the Mayor and Governors as to the Warden and Stewards, and to be sworn yearly before the Mayor and Governors in the common hall of Beverley; (2) No brother taking his wares to a fair or market shall open them to sell before one o'clock; nor before the Warden if he be present, and if he be absent, before three of the eldest brethren present open their wares for sale; and the brothers shall there keep their "rowmes" and standings according to their "ancientie" in the said occupation; and no brother, at such time as any chapman is at another brother's stall, shall call him from the same until he come of his own accord; (3) No master of the science shall occupy or exercise the trade above one year unless he be brother, without the consent of the Mayor and Governors and of the Warden. Fee on admission to the brotherhood, $3/4$; (4) Every servant of the art hired by a master shall pay to the Warden 6d. within a fortnight; on failure his master to pay; and if he remain longer than a year 4d.; (5) Any smith who shall work any evil iron or steel in any of his work in deceit of the Queen's people or which shall be to the hurt of any man; the work to be forfeited to the use of the science; (6) Controversy between brothers to be settled in the usual way by arbitration; (7) No brother shall hire a servant of any other brother except he have an honest communication with the former master as to whether the master and servant are both agreed; (8) Any smith "working upon any stithie of iron (except could smithes)" shall be obedient to the Warden and Stewards; (9) The Warden and Stewards to submit their accounts to the brethren on the Saturday after St. John the Baptist; deficiencies to be met by the brethren equally; surplus to the new Warden; any brother absent from the meeting to pay $6/8$.

f. 24. (10) Any master taking an apprentice to pay 12d. for entering him in the book; (11) Rebuking the Warden or Steward with opprobrious words, $2/-$, or any brother with shameful and dispiteful words, $3/4$; (12) Every master of the said "arte of smithes, armourers, cutlers, swordslipers and hardewayremen" not being a burgess shall pay a yearly contribution of $6/8$ till he be a burgess, on refusing to be burgess when required by the Mayor and Governor at the presentation of the Warden, $13/4$ yearly; (13) Any one being a burgess, or having been apprenticed who shall set up a forge to pay $3/4$ at the time of setting up; if not a burgess or apprenticed $13/4$; (14) No master of the science shall sell anything in the country or at church doors or any other

place on Sundays except in open Market or in harvest time; (15) If any brother reveal any counsell or secret of the science made and ordained at the congregations, 2/-; if any sister or wife of a brother rebuke or reprove any brother, then her husband, or the said sister, shall pay 2/-; (16) The Warden for not disclosing transgressions to the Mayor to pay 3/4; (17) If any smith who has an apprentice dies before the term is ended, the apprentice shall not work for any other smith for wages but as an apprentice until he has served his full term, "for that such apprentice ought not to occupie the sayd arte untill he be of sufficient knowledge herein, to the deceaving of the Queen's people and to the slander of the sayd science" (except he be found able by and at the discretion of the Searchers). A smith taking any such apprentice as a journeyman to forfeit 3/4; an apprentice working as a journeyman and found unfit to forfeit 20d.; (18) No smith to take a labourer who has not been an apprentice; (19) Apprentices to serve for at least 7 years; (20) Rebuking the Alderman (*sic*) or Searchers in executing their offices, 6/8; (21) No smith shall have more than one stall in any fair or market, besides his shop; every one to stand in his "auncientie" and order by the appointment of the Warden; (22) Persons using the art science and occupation of a smith or bringing wares to the town to sell on Market days shall take a stall or standing in the Market and sell them there "and not waver upp & down the towne for the sayle thereof"; (23) All forfeits to be levied by the Warden and Stewards or by the Common Sergeant of the town; (24) The Warden on the day following his account to give a breakfast of his own charge. Every brother to pay to him 12d. "and if any of the sisters or wyves belonging to the said occupation shall use any undecent words against any the wyves of any other brethren" the husband to pay 2/-; (25) If any brother permit any "forrener," stranger or any other which be brethren of the said occupation, to work upon his "stithie" as partners or otherwise, forfeit 6/8. No brother to work as a journeyman, forfeit 6/8; (26) No stranger not being a burgess or brother to shoe any horse or oxen;

f. 25. (27) All cutlers and such as sell "syethes," not being burgess and brother to pay 6/8 yearly as a contribution; (28) Such as take upon them to be "horse leatches" or curers of horses to pay yearly as a contribution 6/8.

[f. 26 and 27 blank].

f. 28.

BRICKLAYERS.

1596. "Ordinancies for the occupacion of Brickelayers within the towne of Beverley in the County of Yorke."

The usual preamble; made at the instance of John Kitchine, Warden and 13 Brethren who are named; with the consent of

William Maxey, Mayor and the Governors of Beverley on the last day of July 1596.

After reciting that as it hath been time without memory of man to wit from 1426, the bricklayers inhabiting and being burgesses of Beverley shall be one society brotherhood and company; the Orders follow in the usual form; (1) Election of Warden on the Saturday after Holy Trinity; (2) And of two Searchers to view the workmanship of the brethren, and other persons, strangers, or "forreners" and to present defaults to the Mayor and Governors within 8 days; (3) And of two Stewards to assist the Warden; (4) Fines for refusal of office (to be divided), Warden 6/8, Searchers 3/4, Stewards 2/-; (5) Disobedience to the Warden or absence from any "congregation" 6/8; (6) Reproving the Warden at any general assembly or prime guild, 6/8; (7) Or the Searchers in the execution of their office, 3/4; or the Stewards, 20d. (8) Warden's annual account to be submitted on Saturday after Holy Trinity; (9) A "forrener" coming to the town to work to report to the Warden who may grant him a licence to work for 14 days; if he stay longer and do not enter the brotherhood he shall pay a contribution of 10/- or find a surety to pay; (10) And become a burgess and brother at the end of a year if found of ability so to be, otherwise to pay a yearly contribution of 13/4; (11) Apprentices to be bound for 7 years, the master to pay 3/4 to the Warden; and no master to teach anyone except apprentices whose Indentures are recorded before the Mayor and Governors; (12) Dissension between brothers to be settled by arbitration of the Warden and four eldest brethren, with right of appeal to the Mayor and Governors; (13) Every person occupying any thing belonging to the science of bricklaying, to wit "thacke, tyle, bricke, lyme, sand or rubbishe for the makinge amendinge or renewinge of any ovens, setting of leades with stone or claye," shall pay to the Warden 3/4 (to be divided); and every "paver of highways, laynes or streetes or other places either on backesides or foresydes" shall pay for a contribution yearly 6d. (without division); (14) If any brother take any work in hand, and afterwards through infirmity, sickness, want of knowledge and skill cannot complete it, he shall conclude with some of his brethren to finish it, and not go to any "forrener" or other person to do so.

f. 29. (15) If any brother set any person on work, not being burgess and brother therein either with himself or any other man, he shall pay 6/8; (16) Burial charges of a brother or sister dying without sufficient to pay, to be paid by the brethren; who shall also accompany the corpse to the Church and place of burial in commendable and decent attire; (17) The Warden at any meeting shall not be compelled to disburse any money for any cause pertaining to the science, but the brethren shall themselves pay everyone by equal portions; the two chief and principal

days of their dinners excepted; (18) No person in the town or limits and precincts shall "beate or make any cymment" except the brethren of the science of bricklaying or their apprentices. Pain 6/8. In consideration thereof the bricklayers shall sell and deliver "cymment" to the inhabitants for fivepence a bushel when they need it for maintaining or making of reparations within the town, and for no other use "the said cymment to be sufficient stuffe and mayd of thatche tyle only and not to be myngled with any waule tyle." Pain per bushel sold contrary to this order 3/4; (19) The brethren and none others shall have the taking up and laying down of "throwghes [flat grave stones] and paveing stones" in the Minster and St. Marie's Church and Holme Church when any grave or "tumbe" shall be made; and shall have for their labour for taking up and laying down thereof safe and paving about the same "through" 18d. according to the usual custom; (20) The Searchers to search all lime sent from the lime kiln in Westwood, and if they find above one bushel of stones in one quarter of lime they shall present it to the Mayor and Governors; the keeper of the lime kiln to forfeit 4d. for every quarter so found, half to be paid to the Searchers for their pains and the other half to the town; (21) No brother shall have at one time two several pieces or portions of work, but shall finish one before he go to the other (except it be for want of stuff), and if he have stuff to take one of his brethren to help him rather than it shall stay. Penalty 6/8; (22) If any brother marry, the brethren shall in good and decent order accompany him to Church and home again. Forfeit 6/8.

f. 30.

CORDINERS.

[See also *f.* 41].

1596. Ordinances for the occupacion of Cordyners in Beverley in the County of Yorke.

Made at the request of Christopher Spaldinge, Warden, by the grant and licence of William Maxey, Mayor and the Governors of the town (named) 13th August 1596. The orders are in the usual form, viz.:—

(1) The said cordiners shall be one brotherhood as hath been accustomed heretofore, and yearly on Tuesday before the feast of "Thassention" of our Lord, in the Common Hall or Hanshouse of Beverley, elect one Warden and two Stewards. Usual penalties for refusal to serve. Penalties to be divided as in the previous cases; (2) Two Searchers elected annually, to present all defaults to the Mayor and Governors. Faulty work to be forfeited in addition to a fine of 2/-; (3) A "Bedell" [an officer not mentioned in the previous ordinances] to be elected yearly to give monition and warning to the brethren when the Warden shall have any business

concerning the science; (4) Penalty for rebuking or disobeying the Warden; (5) Or the Stewards; (6) Or Searchers or Bedell; (7) Or one brother another; (8) Discord between brothers to be settled by the order of four of the brethren to be chosen by the Warden; (9) Penalty for absence from the yearly election or for making trouble there; (10) Or from any meeting of the brethren duly called; (11) Every cordiner received into brotherhood shall be sworn to be obedient to the Warden and obey the orders and pay for his entry, 2/6; [in another hand] if he be born in the town and apprenticed therein; but he not so born and apprenticed shall pay 20/-; (12) Masters on taking an apprentice to pay 2/6 to the occupation in Whitsun week; if the master die within two or three years or if any apprentice depart from the master "within his yeares" not having the perfect intelligence and knowledge of his occupation, the apprentice shall be bound with another master for the remainder of his term, the new master to pay 2/6. No apprentice to work as a journeyman "as heretofore hath been used to the great damage and hurt of the occupation" upon pain of 3/4.

f. 31. (13) The Warden and Stewards to make their yearly account on the Tuesday in Whitsun week. Penalty for interrupting the Warden and Stewards. The Warden at his election to give sureties for so doing; (14) Penalty of 6/8 for working any horse hide or sheep skins or any other unlawful wares in deceit of the Queen's people; (15) No brother shall go to any Church doors to sell (except only in open fair or market), 20d.; (16) Contributor "occupying" as master, 2/- yearly until made burgess and brother; (17) Journeyman working 14 days with any master to pay 2d. yearly. The master to pay in default or else hold as much of his wages as will pay it; (18) Workmen called "curryors" to pay 6d. yearly; (19) No brother to take into his service or provoke or procure any of his brother's servants from their service; (20) No brother to give commandment to any of his servants to work "forth of his owne house"; (21) If any master worke out of his house with any man upon his occupation, having been once admonished, penalty 3/4; (22) If any brother disclose the secrets or counsels of his brethren without the consent of the Warden (except to the Mayor and Governors), penalty 6/8; (23) No brother shall work both old wares and new wares for to sell; (24) The Warden and six brethren to appoint honest clothing for the brethren as hath been accustomed; for every man according to his ability; if any brother be obstinate against this order, penalty 3/4; (25) The brethren to attend the marriage or burial of any brother or sister in their best apparel; (26) The Warden to read these orders at the coming in of every new brother; or at least once a year to the brethren; (27) Every "cordyner or jerkingemaker" who shall set up anew as a master shall obtain a licence

from the Warden and find two sureties to pay for his "upsett" to the Warden [blank in MS.] lawful English money Provided that any person not born in the town who shall serve his apprenticeship in the town with any master shall pay no more but [blank]. Persons born and apprenticed in the town to pay 3/4; (28) No boots shoes or other wares to be opened for sale in the Market before 11 o'clock; (29) Every cordiner or jerkin maker who shall "shapp, cutt," or make any jerkins, boots, shoes, "buskinges" "pantables" or slippers during the time of Crossfair, not being a brother, shall pay yearly 3/4; (30) Contributor, not born nor apprenticed in Beverley, coming to be brother shall pay for his entry [blank]; apprenticed but not born in the town [blank]; apprenticed and born in Beverley, 2/6. Every new brother to be sworn before the Mayor and Governors to obey the Warden and keep the ordinances; (31) [New order made 20th June 1614] Every cordiner shall have his standing in all fairs and markets by the direction of the Warden and four eldest brethren according to the antiquity of his brotherhood.

[f. 32 blank].

f. 33.

TANNERS.

"Ordinances for the occupation of Tanners within the towne of Beverley within the County of Yorke."

(See also f. 53).

The preamble recites that ordinances were granted by the Twelve Governors of Beverley in 1416 and as now renewed and augmented are allowed etc. by William Maxey, Mayor and the Governors [named] on the supplication of Nicholas Fletcher, Warden and 21 brethren [named] on the [blank] 1596.

The items are very lengthy and detailed though they follow the usual plan, and only a short abstract of each is given, except where they are unfamiliar. The fines for transgressions of the orders and the "upsetts" are as in all the preceding cases divided between the Corporation and the Company except in a few instances. Each order has its appropriate penalty, which has generally been omitted in the abstract.

(1) As in time past without memory of man hath been the tanners shall be one fraternity or brotherhood. Election of "one Rewler" called a Warden (being the eldest if thought able) and two Stewards, to rule and govern, on the Tuesday before Ascension Day; with fines of 20/- and 10/- respectively for refusal to serve; (2) And of two Searchers; the retiring Warden to be one, and the new Warden to nominate other two, one of whom to be chosen by the brethren; "to survey, vewe and searche all the tanners" in the town, and also in "Molescroft, Tickton, Storke, Sandholme, Hulbridge, Weele, Thearne, Wodmansey, or any other place

within the Burgaige lymitts & presinctes of Beverley." Defaults to be presented before the Mayor and Governors. If found culpable to forfeit all stuff found not allowable or the value, in addition to a fine of 12d.; (3) Rebuking the Warden in his office doing, 10/-; (4) Or the Stewards, 20d.; (5) Or Searchers, 10/-; (6) Or one brother another, 10/-; (7) Discord betwixt brothers (other than treason felony or specialties) settled by arbitration of the Warden and six eldest brethren with an appeal to the Mayor and Governors; (8) Absence from the election of the Warden, 3/4; (9) The Warden to call "Pryme Guilds" when he think fit; absence of any brother, 6d.; absence from burials, 6d.; contributors absent from prime guilds when summoned, 20d.

f. 34. (10) Journeymen coming to the town or any village or place "within the Burgage and presincts" and entering the service of any master or contributor for 14 days to pay 6d. yearly to the Warden; likewise any contributor or brother working as a journeyman; the master to be answerable in default; (11) Any person setting up as a master tanner, not having been apprenticed in the town or precincts, shall first obtain licence from the Warden and pay 3/4; (12) And afterwards, until made burgess or brother pay 3/4 yearly as a contributor; (13) And when he becomes a brother pay 3/4 at his entrance; (14) New master who has been apprenticed in the town to pay 3/4; and yearly afterwards 3/4 as a contributor until he become a brother and then 3/4 at his entrance; (15) Masters to pay, on taking an apprentice, 1/8 a year for the first two years of the term; (16) Apprenticeship to be for 7 years; a master shall not suffer or permit his apprentices (sons of the master excepted) at any time during the term to have any more hides or skins tanned within their master's house but two only, "(dogge skynnes & sheepe skynnes for ther apperell only excepted)"; Indentures to be brought to the Warden to be certified of the term limited, and to be recorded in a book provided by the Warden; (17) Contributors to become brothers and burgesses if found able by the Warden and four eldest brethren, penalty for refusal, 20/-; (18) The Warden and six ancient brethren to choose and appoint decent apparel as in time past hath been accustomed for every man according to his ability.

f. 35. (19) No brother or contributor, on Market Days, shall have more than one buyer of hides, unless he be impotent, sick and aged, when he may have two buyers; (20) No brother or contributor shall take into his house any hide or skin, not being his own bought and sold, to be tanned for the apprentice except as before [see No. 16], the contrary having been done heretofore to the discommodity hindrance and disprofit of the occupation; (21) No brother or contributor shall buy any "oxe, slott, cow hyde or calfe skynne" of any butcher before the reckoning and account be had and made between the butcher and his old and

former chapman (if the same be done and made before Palm Sunday yearly); (22) The Warden to make to his brothers and sisters one dinner on the Monday after the feast of St. John the Baptist under a penalty of 20/- to be distributed to the poor; every brother to pay 6d. for himself and his wife; (23) The Warden's yearly account to be submitted to the brethren upon the Tuesday in Rogation Week, in the Hanshouse; (24) Interruption of the Warden in his account making, 5/-; absence of a brother therefrom, 6/8.

f. 35a. (25) On the day after the feast of the Epiphany all brethren and contributors shall meet in the Hanshouse and give notice to the Warden what journeymen they keep, that their names may be registered in the book concerning the duty payable for journeymen as aforesaid [see No. 10]; (26) No brother or contributor who is a master shall take any other person into his house under colour of a servant or journeyman to occupy as a master of the said occupation and "stocke" either jointly or severally in one house; but every master shall have and provide a place for himself according to his ability; (27) No tanner dwelling without the liberties of the town shall sell any "clout lether or upper lether" in any place within the liberties, but only in open market in the place appointed by the Mayor and Governors; (28) [New orders made 11th June, 1599] No brother or contributor shall buy any hides or skins on Market or Fair Days at their doors or in their houses, but only in the Market or Fair at the appointed place; (29) No stranger or "forrener" shall buy hides or skins except on Market or Fair Days in the Market or Fair; and not before 11 o'clock.

[*f. 36* blank].

f. 37.

WEAVERS.

1596. Ordinances for the occupacion of Weavers in Beverley in the County of York.

These orders were made in the Mayoralty of William Maxey on the request of Thomas Rogers, Warden and 10 named brethren. There is no reference to earlier orders, and they are simpler in form and shorter than the Tanners. Fines divided between the Corporation and the Company as is usual. They contain provision for—

(1) Election of Warden, two Stewards and two Searchers on "the first lady day in hervist"; (2) Clothing; the Warden to attend prime guilds in his gown and the brethren in decent attire; they which have gowns to have place above those which are in cloaks; (3) Discord betwixt brothers; (4) No weaver in the town or liberties shall fetch or send for any yarn to any inhabitant in the town or liberties (except to finish some work already begun) the same being provided shall forfeit for every pound so fetched

contrary to the order, 3/4; and no "forrener" shall come into the town or liberties and bring take or send for any work belonging to the said occupation, 5/-; (5) Brothers taking an apprentice to pay, 2/6; and contributors, 3/4; (6) New master setting up shall acquaint the Warden, and on his admittance pay for his upsett, 3/4; and for his brotherhood, 10/-; none to set up unless they have served 7 years apprenticeship and been made burgess; (7) Every contributor who shall work as a weaver to pay, 6/8; and every journeyman 2/- for the first year and 8d. to the Searchers; (8) Warden's account to be submitted on the "latter lady day in harvist"; (9) And to make a dinner on the Monday before; every brother to pay him 12d. for himself and his wife. Penalty for absence 2/-; the new Warden on his election to make a dinner at his own charge; (10) No person shall buy any "lyne yarne" to make thread or buttons upon of any inhabitant in the town for to be conveyed, but only such as they themselves do spin or cause to be "sponne."

f. 38. (11) No weaver shall dress his work with any other kind of stuff but only "dregges or branne"; (12) Contributors and such as set up the trade shall pay at Cross Dayes for their contributions and upsetts such several dues as aforesaid, to be paid to the Warden on "the searchinge day"; (13) On complaint to the Warden by any person "for kepinge ther worke unwrought" the work to be done within 20 days under a penalty of 3/4.

f. 39.

GLOVERS.

Ordinances for the occupation of Glovers in Beverley.

Made on the petition of Edmond Fawkyner, Warden, Thomas Metcalf (one of the Governors) and three named brethren, by William Maxey, Mayor and the Governors, 16th July 1596.

After reciting that as it hath been time without memory to wit in the year 1427 and the sixth year of King Henry 6th, the glovers inhabiting and being burgesses of Beverley shall be one Society Brotherhood, Fellowship and Company; (1) Election of Warden on Tuesday in Cross Week; (2) And two Searchers: on any default or want of workmanship the work to be forfeited in addition to a fine of [blank in MS.] to be divided (as usual); (3) And of two Stewards; (4) Penalty for refusal to accept office of Warden, 40/-; (5) Searcher, 20/-; (6) Steward, 6/8; (7) Setting up as a master having served apprenticeship in Beverley and being made burgess, upset 3/4 for the Company only; and for his brotherhood 6/8 to be divided; (8) If any stranger come to the town or liberties and "cutt any gloves purses or poyntes and dresse any kynd of lether pertaining to the occupacion of a glover" or occupy as a master; yearly contribution until made burgess 20/- (divided); on being made burgess "upsett" to the Company 3/4; and for his brotherhood 10/- to be divided; (9) Disobedience to the Warden

or absence from prime guilds, etc., 12d. to the Company; (10) Existing contributors 5/- yearly until they became burgesses and to find two sureties for the same; (11) Disobedience to the Warden and brethren; or who will not array in decent apparel, nor pay dues and duties, may be put forth of brotherhood and made a contributor paying $3/4$ yearly; (12) No stranger or "forrener" to buy skins of a butcher before hand but only in the open market, forfeit for every skin 12d.; nor buy any skins on market day before 12 o'clock, fine 6d.; (13) Reproving the Warden, $13/4$; (14) Or the Searchers and Stewards, $6/8$; (15) Any brother, contributor, or journeyman chiding, brawling, etc., first offence, $6/8$, second $13/4$, afterwards 20/-; (16) Discord between brother and brother to be settled by arbitration of Warden and four or six eldest brethren to be chosen by the parties; appeal lies to the Mayor and Governors; (17) Apprenticeship to be for 7 years; the master to pay $2/6$ to the Warden, entry to be made within 14 days "into the originall book"; no apprentice to be released without the consent of the whole occupation.

f. 40. (18) Warden's annual account to be submitted in the Guildhall or Hanshouse 14 days before choosing the new Warden; expenses in excess of income to be defrayed by the brothers equally; surplus to be handed to the new Warden; (19) At the election of Warden, and at prime guilds, the brethren to attend either in a decent gown or cloak and other apparel suitable thereto as the Warden and four eldest brethren think most meet for their calling and estate, pain 40/-; and after the election in comely order accompany the new Warden home, who shall bestow upon them friendly and brotherly cheer; (20) Brothers employing a hired servant to pay 6d. yearly, no man not a freeman to keep either servant or apprentice, fine 10/-; (21) No glover to buy skins on market days except the master himself or by his son or one of his house; (22) No young man shall occupy the said trade with his father or other friend, but shall have a house and shop of his own, opening and bounding on the open street; (23) No brother shall stand in the market to sell his wares but in order and according to his antiquity; nor open any wares to sell in the market before 12 o'clock between May Day and Michaelmas or 11 o'clock the rest of the year; (24) No person in the town or liberties shall buy any sheep skins, calf skins or horse hides except they can "tewe and dresse" the same. Penalty $3/4$ per skin; (25) The Warden to give a dinner yearly on the Monday after the feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle. Every man to pay 12d. for himself and his wife. Penalty for non-attendance 6d.; (26) If any brother fall into decay the occupation shall relieve him with such necessities as they think most meet for his maintenance; (27) The brethren to pay burial charges for necessitous brothers and to attend funerals and weddings. Penalty $6/8$ to the Corporation only.

[This ends the Trade Ordinances made in 1596. No further complete set was afterwards made, but the following new orders for the Cordwainers, Coopers, Bakers, Oatmeal Makers, Butchers, and Tanners were made, the first in 1627 and the last in 1674.

These orders are very lengthy and only a condensed abstract is given].

f. 41.

CORDWANERS.

(See also f. 30).

Laws, ordinances and constitutions made in the Common Council Chamber of Beverley and there recorded the 1st day of May 1627 by John Fotherbie, Mayor and the Governors (12 named) of Beverley, at the request of Peter Hewerdine, Warden and (12 named) brethren of the Company of the Cordwaners or Shoemakers, for the rule and order of the said fraternity and others dwelling in the said town or limits thereof exercising the occupation or mystery of a cordwaner or shoemaker.

(1) Election of one Alderman or Warden, two Searchers, two Stewards and a Bedell on the Tuesday before Ascension. [Note the new alternative for Warden]; (2) Penalties for refusing office, Alderman 40/-, Searcher 20/-, Steward 10/-, Bedell 3/4; half the fines to the Corporation and the other half to the Company. No one to be compelled to serve as Alderman within 7 years, or other officers 5 years; (3) The Alderman to make a feast for the brothers and their wives (they paying 6d. each) within 20 days of his election; (4) Usual penalties for misbehaviour towards the Warden and other officers; (5) Searchers to be sworn by the Mayor to make search at least once a month of all boots, shoes, pantables and other wares made or set to sale whether they be of lawful stuff (as well in the leather as in the workmanship) and wrought as by law it ought, and to seize such as be insufficient and carry them to the Alderman; (6) That it may be known to all the brothers how their wares ought to be made as by the Statute *Primo Jacobi* is required it is declared: first, they are not to make wares of "English leather wett curried" except of deer skins, calf skins, or goat skins, dressed like Spanish leather but to be of leather well tanned and curried or well tanned only, and substantially sewed with good thread well twisted, and sufficiently waxed with wax well "rosond," and stitched hard drawn with handleathers without mixing the overleather part of neats leather and part of calves leather; secondly, not to put in any leather of sheepskin, bull hide, or horse hide, nor into the upper leathers of any shoe or slipper nor the nether part of any (the inner part of the shoe excepted) part of any hide from which the sole leather is cut, called the "woombe, necke, shanke, pole or cheeke"; nor into the outer sole any other leather than the best of the ox or steer hide; nor into the inner sole any other than the woombe, neck,

pole or cheek; nor into the "treswells" of the double soled shoe any other than the flank of the said hides; thirdly, betwixt the last of September and the 20th of April they are not to sell any wares fit for any to wear above four years old wherein shall be put any dry English leather (except of calf or goat skins dressed like Spanish leather); fourthly, not to sell wares on Sunday; on pain of $\frac{3}{4}$ a pair and the loss of the value of the wares, made or sold contrary to the aforesaid particulars; (7) The Alderman to take any faulty wares so seized before the Mayor to be detained till tried by law; the Mayor to appoint six honest experts to try whether they are sufficient or not, the trial to be openly made on a Market Day within 15 days on pain of £5. Penalty for obstructing the Searchers £5.

f. 42. (8) The Searchers each year before leaving their office to present all defaults and offences at the Sessions for the town, and at the Assizes for the County for the conviction and punishment of the offenders; (9) No servant to be retained for less than a year; no servant to leave except at the end of a year on giving a quarter's notice; no servant to make any assault on his master or mistress; none to set up the said trade except he has served as apprentice for 7 years, nor to employ anyone as a servant who has not so served; every master with three apprentices must keep one journeyman and for every other apprentice another journeyman, penalty £10; none to employ a servant without a testimonial of lawful departure from his last master, to be shown to the Mayor before he is retained, penalty £5; (10) Inticing a journeyman or apprentice from another brother or taking a servant without his master's consent within his term, $\frac{6}{8}$; (11) Masters not to exercise their trade out of their own houses or shops, nor permit their servants to do so, $\frac{6}{8}$; (12) On entry of an apprentice, master to pay $\frac{2}{6}$; also on first setting up shop as a master unless born and apprenticed in the town, $\frac{3}{4}$ for his entry and brotherhood; if born and apprenticed there, $\frac{2}{6}$; (13) No person to work both old and new wares to sell, or mix old and new leather together except in vamping or soling of old boots or shoes, $\frac{3}{4}$; (14) No wares to be sold in the market or elsewhere out of his shop on Market Day before 11 o'clock; (15) Warden and officers to make their accounts yearly on the Election Day; and to give bond to do so in the sum of £20; (16) All litigious suits at law and other quarrels between brothers (except trial of land or specialty debts) to be referred to four brothers to be chosen by the parties, with the consent of the Alderman, to hear and determine, the Alderman to be umpire in default of agreement; (17) Non-attendance at meetings called by the Alderman, 12d.

f. 43. (18) Masters to attend burials and marriages of brothers in seemly and decent attire; (19) Standings on Market

and Fair Days to be according to antiquity of brotherhood; (20) These orders to be read every year at the election of the officers.

[Signed by] J. Whitelock, H. Yelverton [Justices of Assize].

JOINERS, CARPENTERS, COOPERS, ETC.

(See also *f.* 20).

Laws, ordinances, etc. made and registered [as in the Cordwaners, *f.* 41], 8th March 1629, by Richard Wayde, Mayor and the Governors at the instance of William Thompson and 15 named brethren of the Company of "Joyners, Carpenters, Coopers, Wrights, Fletchers, Dishe turners, makers of Baskets, Bottells, Seves, Temses, Strumps, and Kitts" and all others who occupy their trade upon wood or woodvessels within this town and Borough.

(1) Election of Alderman or Warden; three Searchers and two Stewards on Saturday after Midsummer Day; (2) Penalties for refusal to accept office and negligence in performance; (divided as usual); [*f.* 44] Alderman excused for 7 years and Searchers and Stewards for 5 after one year of office; (3) Alderman to make a solemn meeting at a dinner for the brothers and their wives (they paying 12d. apiece towards the cost) on Monday after Midsummer Day; usual penalties for misbehaviour by the brothers towards the Alderman and officers; (4) And for absence from prime guilds or elections; (5) Attendance in decent habit at burials and marriages; (6) No wares to be sold or work done except such as is well wrought and of good workmanship; (7) If any joiner carpenter or wright take any work "by greate" and to find stuff himself he must not put in any "sappie" or unseasonable wood; (8) Nor sell any wares made of sappie or unseasonable wood; (9) Persons not being brothers exercising any such trade to pay a yearly contribution of $\frac{3}{4}$; (10) A brother first setting up any trade to pay $\frac{3}{4}$ for his upsett; (11) A book to be kept by the Alderman in which to register apprentices; $\frac{2}{6}$ to be paid for each apprentice; (12) Any artificer going to any place to beg or ask work, called hawking for work, penalty, 5/-; (13) It is not lawful by the laws and statutes of the realm to exercise the said trade as a master or journeyman except after 7 years' apprenticeship; nor to retain a servant for less time than a year; nor put away a servant during his term but upon good cause, allowed by a Justice; nor at the end of a term but upon a quarter's notice before two witnesses; no servant to assault his master mistress or dame, none to be set to work unless he has been an apprentice; nor, if he come from any other county city town or parish, without a testimonial of consent from his late master to show to the Mayor; Coopers must make their vessels for ale beer and soap of good wood and put their mark on them; Every barrel for beer to contain 36 gallons; for ale 32 gallons; every kilderkin for beer 18 gallons; for ale 16 gallons; every firkin for beer 9 gallons and ale 8 gallons; [*f.* 45] Every other vessel of

other assize must have a mark expressing how much it contains; All vessels to be sold for such prices as shall be assessed and proclaimed by the Mayor; (14) Penalty for enticing servants from other masters without consent, 6/8; (15) Searchers to view and search measure and gauge all wares every month at least; defective work to be taken to the Mayor to be dealt with; (16) Penalty for hindering the Searchers, 10/-; (17) Searchers every year to bring all offences to trial at the Borough Sessions; (18) Aldermen and officers to submit their accounts yearly on the day of election.

[Signed by] Tho. Trevor, Humfray Davenport [Justices of Assize].

BAKERS.

(See also *f.* 17).

Laws, ordinances, etc. made and registered [as Cordwaners, *f.* 41] 25th July 1626 by Robert Manbie, Mayor, and the Governors at the instance of Thwaites Fox and 27 [named] brethren of the Company of Bakers in Beverley

These orders are in the standard form dealing with (1) Election of Warden on the Saturday after Holy Trinity; (2) Two Searchers to see that all bread and cakes are of full weight, good workmanship and wholesome; also two Stewards; (3) Penalties for refusing to accept office.

f. 46. (4) Misbehaviour of brothers; and settlement of disputes by four brethren; (5) To prevent abuses, and that the lawful assize of bread may be held by common bakers, and the weight reasonable after the price of corn in the Market, and wholesome, the Searchers to be sworn before the Mayor and Justices to search and view once a month all bread and cakes to be sold in gross or by retail whether they be of lawful assize and reasonable weight or not, and made as they ought to be made and of wholesome stuff. All bread to the contrary to be seized and brought to the Mayor to try and the offender punished as by law required; (6) Resisting the Searchers, 20/-; (7) Provisions as to servants and apprentices as in Joiners, etc. [*f.* 43]; (8) and as to enticing away servants; (9) And registration of apprentices, and upsett on setting up business; (10) Every journeyman to pay 12d. a year to the Company; (11) No baker to teach any person to "bolte tems or weigh any kind of meale" or any other thing concerning the said trade, other than registered apprentices; (12) No innkeeper, alehousekeeper, or other victualler except common bakers shall make any bread called white bread or cakes to sell "in grosse" or by retail or to spend in their houses other than for the proper use of themselves or their families; the Searchers to search accordingly; Provided that the Company may agree or as the Mayor and Governors may allow, on payment of a yearly contribution or otherwise to allow an innkeeper, etc. to bake

white bread or cakes for use in his house only "at his ordinary" so long as he does not sell it otherwise; (13) No brother to use or imprint the mark of another baker on his bread or cakes; and each to have a mark which shall be apparent and easy to be distinguished from that of another; (14) No bread to be baked on Sunday nor to be taken forth of the town to sell on Sunday; (15) Brothers to attend burials; and to pay burial charges of poor brothers.

f. 47. (16) Penalty for absence from prime guilds, 12d.; and elections, 6/8; (17) No bread or cakes to be sold above thirteen to the dozen, fine 6/8; (18) No huckster to carry bread or cakes from house to house to sell; or offer to sell by hawking, fine 3/4; (18) Warden's account to be made yearly on the day of election of the new Warden in public audience before the Company; the new Warden on election to give bond in £20 to make his account, etc.; (19) Doubts as to the meaning of any order to be settled by the whole Company; any dispute to be referred to the Mayor and Governors; and the orders to be read over yearly at the Warden's election.

[Signed by] Fr. Harvey Judges.
Henry Yelverton

OATMEALMAKERS.

Laws, ordinances, etc. (in the usual form), made 8th March 1629; Richard Wayde, Mayor; at the instance of Robert Hewitt, John Jackson and 17 other [named] brethren of the Company of Oatmealmakers.

After reciting that it is ordained and allowed that the oatmealmakers of Beverley shall continue a brotherhood as of ancient time they have been used the Orders provide for (1) Election on Whitsun Tuesday of an Alderman or Warden; Two Searchers to view oatmeal either made in or brought to the town to be sold; and two Stewards to call meetings, etc.; (2) Usual penalties for refusing office; none to be compelled to bear office twice in 7 or 5 years respectively; (3) Alderman to make a feast on Whit Tuesday for the brothers and their wives, they paying 1/- apiece towards the cost.

f. 48. (4) Penalty for unseemly behaviour; (5) Disputes between brothers to be settled in the usual way by reference to four brothers; (6) Penalty for absence from prime guilds, etc.; (7) Or from burials or marriages; (8) Or for selling oatmeal which is not good and marketable wares or which is made of "mowburnt¹ oats" or which shall be "fire fanged²" but the same shall be sound and sweet corn well dried and dressed, fine 2/6 a bushel; (9) Or for drying oats or working on Sundays, 3/4; (10) Or buying oats on

¹ Fermented in the Stack,

² Fire bitten,

Market Days before 12 o'clock or before the Market bell is rung, 1/- a bushel; (11) Or making oatmeal for any other person except a brother to sell again, 1/- a bushel.

f. 48a. (12) Oatmealmakers, not being brothers, to contribute $\frac{3}{4}$ yearly; (13) "Upsett" for brothers first setting up business $\frac{3}{4}$; (14) Apprentices to be registered in the Warden's book; the master to pay $\frac{2}{6}$ for each; (15) It is not lawful, first to "ingross" any oats, viz. to buy them upon the ground to convert into oatmeal to sell; Secondly to "forestall" any oats, viz., to buy them as they are coming to the Market either by water or land; thirdly to "regrate" any oats, viz., to buy in the Market to sell again within four miles; fourthly to make conspiracies to sell oatmeal at over high and unreasonable prices, nor to sell such as is not good and wholesome; fifthly, to exercise the trade as a master or journeyman except after 7 years apprenticeship; then follow the usual regulations as to hiring of servants as in previous ordinances, and (16) enticing a servant from another master; (17) Searchers to search once a month at least and carry defective wares to the Mayor.

f. 49. (18) Hindering the Searchers; (19) Searchers to present offenders to the Sessions; (20) Warden to present his account yearly on the day of election and to be bound in a sum of £10 to account.

[Signed by] Tho. Trevor and Humfray Davenport [Judges of Assize].

f. 50.

BUTCHERS.

(See also *f. 15*).

Laws, ordinances (in the standard form of those preceding) made etc. 20th July 1632; Thwaites Fox, Mayor; at the instance of Edward Coates, Warden, and 20 brethren of the occupation or mystery of butcher.

(1) Election of Warden, the Saturday after Holy Trinity; (2) And of two Searchers and two Stewards; and [inserted in handwriting of a date after 1659] Any brother hawking up and down with wares flesh or butcheries, that is from house to house seeking a chapman, and shall not keep some usual shop stall or standing, penalty $\frac{6}{8}$; (3) Usual penalties for refusal to accept office unless twice within five years; (4) Or for abusing the Warden and officers; (5) Or absence from meetings of the Company; (6) Searchers on every Market Day at least to view all wares killed and dressed for sale whether they be good sweet and wholesome, and to proceed against offenders according to law; and also authorised to see the head, hide, and tallow of every beast killed even if it has been sold, "for the better discoverie of any disease in the said beaste in case any such were."

f. 51. (7) According to the laws of the Realm, first, if any shall sell "swynes fleshe mezled, or flesh dead of the murren, the first time he shalbee greivously amerced, the second time he shall suffer judgment of the pillorie, the third time he shall be imprisoned and make fyne, and the fowerth time bee banished the towne"; secondly, conspiracies amongst butchers not to sell meat but at certain prices agreed amongst themselves, for first offence £10 or 20 days' imprisonment and nothing for sustenance but bread and water, second offence £20 or the pillory, third offence £40, the pillory and loss of an ear, and thenceforth to be a person infamous and his "sainge" deposition or oath not to be credited; thirdly, refusal to sell meat at a reasonable price for a moderate and not excessive gain, forfeit double value of the goods sold; fourthly a butcher who shall kill for sale any "weynlinge, bullocke, stere or heffer" under two years old, forfeit 6/8; fifthly, if any butcher buy any "fatt oxe, steres, runts, kye, heffers, calves, or sheepe" and sell them again alive, forfeit the goods or the value; sixthly, if any butcher gash or cut any hide of ox, bull, steer, or cow in "fleaing," forfeit 6/8; or shall water any hide (except in June, July or August), or offer to sell any rotten or putrified hide, forfeit 3/4; or kill any calf to sell under five weeks old, forfeit 6/8; or exercise the trade of a tanner when he is a butcher, 6/8 for every day; (8) The usual provisions [as in Cordwaners] as to the hiring and service of servants and apprenticeship; (9) Warden and Searchers to present offenders every year at the Sessions or Assizes; (10) Inticing servants away [as in Cordwaners (10)]; (11) Masters to pay 2/6 for every apprentice; upset on new master setting up, if not apprenticed and born in Beverley, 3/4; otherwise, 2/6; (12) No meat to be sold between 10 o'clock on Saturday night and 4 o'clock on Monday morning; nor go into the country to buy beasts on Sundays; nor between Saturday night and 12 o'clock on Monday kill any beast, etc. to sell.

f. 52. (13) No butcher to buy any flesh already killed and dressed to sell again; (14) No bull to be killed unless first "openlie bayted" at some of the usual places, and have three courses at the least or more at the discretion of the Mayor if he require the same; (15) No blood, guts, garbage, horns or other filth to be cast into the public streets or lanes; (16) No butcher, not being a brother, to sell any meat on Saturday, being Market Day, before 12 o'clock or after 4; and (17) on failure to become burgess and brother after warning by the Warden, to contribute 3/4 yearly to the Company; (18) Journeymen to pay 6d. yearly.

f. 52a. (19) Warden and officers to submit yearly accounts to a public meeting on Election Day; (20) In case of doubt the interpretation of the ordinances to be referred to the Mayor and

Governors; ordinances to be read yearly at the election of the Warden.

[Signed by] Humfray Davenport
George Vernon, J.

TANNERS.

(See also *f.* 33).

f. 53. A lengthy recital that these orders, of old time used and granted by the late twelve Governors in 1416, and also renewed amplified and made, etc. by Richard Garbrey, then Mayor and 11 named Governors and the Burgesses at the instances of Richard Sherewood and 12 named brethren and 3 named Governors and brethren the 22nd June 1581 [No reference to the 1596 orders at *f.* 33]; and now renewed, augmented etc. by William Coulson, Mayor, and the Governors, with the assent of the Capital Burgesses of the town at the instance of Thomas Johnson and 13 named brethren of the Company of Tanners in Beverley the 19th March 1673[-4].

(1) The tanners to be one fraternity and brotherhood; election of one Ruler called a Warden (being the eldest of the brethren if the Company think him meet), and two Stewards to rule and govern, on the Tuesday before the Ascension; (2) Also two Searchers, the old Warden to be one and the brethren to elect another from two nominated by the Warden; to present all defaults to the Mayor and Governors; offenders to forfeit faulty stuff or the value and 12d. fine; (3) The usual penalties for rebuking the Warden; (4) Stewards; and (5) Searchers; and (6) One brother another; (7) Discord between brothers referred to the arbitration of the Warden and four or six eldest brethren, with an appeal to the Mayor and Governors; (8) Penalties for absence from elections; or (9) Prime guilds or burials of brothers or sisters; and

f. 54. (10) Contributors' absence from any meeting or prime guild when summoned; (11) Stranger journeymen coming to the town and working for 14 days to pay 6d. yearly; local journeymen 6d. only; (12) New master tanners who did not serve apprenticeship in Beverley to obtain licence to set up from the Warden and pay 40/-; (13) On such persons becoming brothers, to pay 10/-; (14) Masters on taking an apprentice to pay 2/6 at the rate of 1/3 a year for first two years; (15) Apprenticeship to be for 7 years; and not to have more hides or skins tanned in their masters' houses than two only (dog skins and sheep skins for their apparel excepted), forfeit 40/-; Indentures to be immediately produced to the Warden and brethren for inspection and registration, forfeit 20/-; (16) Contributor masters to become burgess and brother if so required by the Mayor and Governors and the Warden and four brothers, within four months, Fine 20/-; (17) Clothing for the brethren to be chosen and appointed by the

Warden and six ancient brethren. Brothers refusing to procure it, fined 10/-; (18) Only one buyer of hides allowed to each brother or contributor on Market Day (except he be sick impotent or aged when he may have two), fine 20/-; (19) No one to take any hide which belongs to any other person into his house to be tanned (except for the apprentice as before stated) "the contrary whereof hath heretofore been done to the discommoditie etc. of the occupation". Fine 20/-; (20) The Warden to give a dinner yearly to the brothers and sisters on the Monday after John the Baptist or else forfeit 20/- to be distributed to the poor; each brother to pay 2/- for himself and his wife; (21) Warden's account on the Tuesday in Rogation Week; (22) Penalty for hindering the Warden in his account making 5/-; (23) All brethren and contributors to attend the Common Hall or Hanshouse on the day after the feast of the Epiphany and register the names of all journeymen employed by them, concerning the duty of the journeymen payable as aforesaid; (24) No master to take any other person into his house to occupy as a master under the colour of a servant or journeyman, but each master must provide his own place to carry on the occupation of a tanner; (25) None to buy hides or skins at their doors or in their houses or elsewhere upon the Market or Fair Days save only at the house end of Edward Davye, draper, joining on Sowhill in Saturday Market, fine 20/-; (26) Nor buy any hide or skins by the stone weight or upon the back of any beast, 6/8 each hide;

f. 55. (27) No brother to disclose the secrets of the brotherhood to any person whatsoever; (28) Nor buy any hide or skin of any skinner.

"These Acts and ordinances have beene examined and are approved by us whose names are hereunder subscribed the present Justices of Assize for the Northern Circuit according to the statute of the nineteenth of Henrie the 7th Cap. 7 the Twelfth day of August 26 Car. Rx 2nd Anno Dom. 1674.

Ri. Raynsforde, Ty Littleton."

[No further Trades Ordinances are recorded in this book. Later references to the Companies will be found at *f.* 57 (1694) and *f.* 60 (1724) when the Corporation made orders restraining trading in the town except by such as are members of a Company].

CROSS FAIR¹.

Mr. John Sugden, Mayor.

"At a meeting of the Mayor, Governors, and Capital Burgesses of this town holden in the Counsell Chamber on the xxith day of March 1677[-8]."

¹ This was the annual fair attended by the London merchants with their wares and was held for 14 days from the Monday week before Ascension Thursday—references to it and to "the Cross Days" will be found in the preceding orders of the trading companies.

Recital that by letters patent of King Charles II granted to the Mayor, Governors, and Burgesses of Beverley all accustomed fairs are to be held and kept in such places as the Mayor and Governors fix

And that Cross Fair for the sale of wares and merchandizes began yearly on the Monday "seaven night" before Ascension Day before which no goods ought to be opened for sale, notwithstanding which goods have been so sold so that they have not the effect of a sale in open market.

The Mayor and Governors ordered the said fair to be kept in that part of Highgate commonly called Londiner Street viz., from the lowest end of that street towards the Minster unto one shop, being the town's lands, and joining the house of Margaret Wrightson, on the West side of the street; and from the lowest end of the street towards the Minster unto the "old Wast" viz., Wednesday Market Place where the upholsterers yearly stand, on the East side of the street; the fair to begin on Monday seaven night before the Ascension of our Lord commonly called Holy Thursday; and no person shall buy sell or exchange any manner of wares or merchandise in any other place openly or privately to any person (except such as are tradesmen who are burgesses and inhabitants of Beverley) or make any show thereof before the said Monday upon pain of forty shillings.

No person or persons (not being freemen and burgesses of the town) do sell or show any manner of goods wares or merchandizes during the time of the fair in any place house or shop which is not within the bounds and limits of the said fair until all the shops and places within the said limits shall be letten; if any person offend, he shall forfeit for every such offence four pounds to the use of the Mayor, Governors, and Burgesses to be levied by distress of his goods.

Any person who shall do any act in execution of this order shall be indemnified by this Corporation.

SURRENDER OF CHARTER.

Mr. Matthew Ashmole, Mayor.

f. 56. At a Meeting of the Mayor, Governors and Capital Burgesses on the 11th August 1684.

Recital that a writ of Quo Warranto is issued against this Corporation, and being satisfied that it is our duty to submit and to implore his Majesty's grace and favour

It is ordered that the Charter of Incorporation granted by King Charles the 2nd be resigned and surrendered up unto His Majesty; and that Mr. Mayor, Mr. John Dymoke and Mr. John Fotherbie carry up to London or elsewhere unto His Majesty an instrument under the Common Seal for the resignation thereof to the following effect, viz.:—

“Wee the said Mayor, Governors, and Burgesses of the Towne of Beverley within the County of York have granted surrendered and yielded upp and by these presents doe grant surrender and yield upp unto our most gracious and soveraigne Lord Charles the second by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith, &c. & to his heirs & successors All and singular the powers & franchises liberties priveleges & authorities whatsoever & howsoever granted or to bee used or exercised by the said Major, Governors, and Burgesses by Letters Patente custome or prescription in for or concerning the electing nominating constituting being or appointing of any person or persons to or for the severall & respective offices & places of Major, Governors, Recorder, Towne Clerk, Capitall Burgesses, or of any other place or office relating to the Government of the said Towne of Beverley; or in to or for the exercise or execution of them or any of them. And the said Major, Governors, and Burgesses of the said Towne of Beverley doe hereby humbly beseech His Majistie to accept of this their surrender, And doe with all submission to His Majesties good pleasure implore his grace and favour to regrant unto us the said Major Governors & Burgesses of this ancient towne of Beverley the nameing and chuseing of the said officers, & the said liberties & franchises, & soe many of them, & in such manner as his Majistie in his great wisdom shall judge most conducing for the better government of this said Towne of Beverley & with and under such reservations restrictions and qualifications as His Majesty shall be pleased to appoint.”

A further order that such money as shall be laid out by the three gentlemen named for procuring a new Charter be paid by the Corporation; the Receivers' accounts now submitted showing £336. 10. 1. in hand which is to be employed for this purpose, of which £55 is to rest in the hands of John Jackson, the Chamber Clerk and the balance of £281. 10. 1. to be carried to London by the three gentlemen named.

Signed by Matthew Ashmole, Mayor, 12 Governors and 10 Burgesses.

Mr. John Gunbie, Mayor.

f. 57. At a meeting of the Mayor, Aldermen¹ and Capital Burgesses at the Guildhall, 20th February 1687[-8].

Recital that William Wilberforce of Beverley, Gentleman came to the Counsell Chamber on the 2nd February and requested liberty to build a porch at the north end of his house in Lairgate (late occupied by John Sugden) 12 feet from east to west and four foot within the wall of the porch northward, and also a little

¹ Aldermen were substituted for Governors by the Charter of James II.

“outshot” on the west side; and that the Surveyors of the town lands had inspected it and now reported

Ordered that liberty is granted “as much as is in them” to erect the said porch and outshot to remain and be at all times without let molestation or interruption from the Mayor, etc. or their successors.

Mr. Matthew Ashmole, Mayor.

At a Meeting, etc., 13th October 1690.

Recital that several Aldermen did absent themselves on the day of Election of the Mayor, the 22nd September last, especially some who were most thought upon and talked of by the burgesses the week before to be the next mayor, to the great dissatisfaction of this Corporation.

Ordered that any Alderman so absenting himself without just excuse shall forfeit and pay £20 to the use of the Corporation to be levied by warrant from the Mayor; the Mayor to be indemnified for so doing.

Also if the Mayor shall commit any irregularities in the Towne’s Chamber by hindering any free debates, or in any other way by not having frequent meetings and not observing the time of the summons or the like, he shall be subject to the censure of the next Mayor, the Aldermen and Capital Burgesses and to be fined.

Also when several persons confusedly speak together in this Chamber the Mayor may give a knock upon the table for silence and if any disobey he shall immediately forfeit 1/-; and if one whisper with another during a debate 6d.

Also no tickets shall be signed by the Mayor and Surveyors but such as shall be first read publicly in this Chamber; by which means this community will not only be acquainted with the town’s business but with all disbursements and payments relating thereto; and when the tickets are so signed the Town’s husband to receive the moneys as they are charged upon the several Receivers and pay it accordingly.

TRADING.

Mr. Robert Appleton, Mayor.

At a meeting of the Mayor, Aldermen and Capital Burgesses, 20th September 1694.

A recital of the ancient rights (by Royal Grants) of the Corporation to make byelaws for the government of the town; and that time out of mind no one other than burgesses and freemen of the Borough has been allowed to exercise any trade or to trade in the town; and that some not being burgesses or freemen do exercise trades to the damage of the freemen; for redress thereof it is

Ordered that any person who resides in the town and exercises any occupation, or who shall trade in any thing, not being a burgess and freeman, shall pay 10/- weekly to the Receivers of the town, to be levied upon his goods and chattels by warrant of the Mayor or recovered by action in the local Court of Record at the Guildhall before the Mayor and Recorder or one of them and the Aldermen; or otherwise such person shall be assessed towards the weekly relief of the poor in the Parish where he so exercises his trade or occupation, as shall be thought expedient.

Further order: refusal to accept office when elected a Capital Burgess to forfeit £3. 6. 8.

Also a Capital Burgess appointed a Receiver and refusing to accept office and to give security for executing the office (such Receiver having first been tendered an instrument under the Common Seal authorizing him to demand and receive the revenues of the town); to forfeit £5. But no person need serve twice in seven years.

Mr. Ben. Lambert, Mayor.

f. 58. 11th September 1707. An order by the Mayor, Aldermen and Capital Burgesses as to absence of Aldermen from the Election of Mayor, in terms almost identical with that of 13 October 1690 (*f.* 57) except that the £20 penalty is to be recovered by action in "Her Majisties Court of Record at Westminster or elsewhere" by the Mayor within 3 months.

Mr. Marmaduke Nelson, Mayor.

At a meeting of the Mayor, etc. 18th November 1708.

[A new handwriting; the old Chamber Clerk, John Jackson, who wrote all Corporation records from 1660 to 1707, having resigned].

Any burgess being elected an Alderman and refusing office to forfeit £50 to be recovered by action in any of Her Majesties Courts of Law.

Memorandum that John Graves, Alderman, by his Will [blank date] 17— gave the Mayor, etc. of Beverley and the head Minister of St. John's in Beverley £50 in trust that the Mayor, etc. should pay 52/- yearly as interest to the said Minister and the Churchwardens to be distributed by 12d. in bread every Sunday to the poor of St. John's parish that should frequently go to hear Divine Service; that the £50 was paid to the Mayor, etc. who, by writing under their Common Seal, obliged themselves to pay the 52/- for distribution in bread accordingly.

WATER RATE.

Mr. Jonathan Midgeley, Mayor.

f. 59. At a meeting of the Mayor, etc. 23rd January 1720[21]

Recital that an order of the 16th December 1691, that the Constables of the respective Wards should keep the public wells and pumps in good repair, had been neglected and the money collected by them for the purpose unduly applied.

Ordered that the Mayor and an Alderman shall appoint yearly two substantial housekeepers in each of the respective Wards to procure that the public wells and pumps with utensils and materials in each ward be put into repair; and to reimburse them, such persons may call in two or three other inhabitants in the respective Wards to assist them in laying an equal and reasonable rate or tax upon each housekeeper in the Ward, with some respect to such housekeepers as have the most occasion to use the said wells, etc. such rate to be examined and allowed by the Mayor and one Alderman residing in the ward; Any person refusing to act in such office to pay a penalty of 20/-. Any person refusing to pay the rate within six days of demand to forfeit double the amount, to be levied by distress, unless on appeal to Quarter Sessions for the Borough he shall be adjudged unduly rated. Persons so appointed to submit an account on oath to the Mayor at the end of each year.

Cross Bridge well to be in future kept in repair by persons elected for Toll Gavel Ward instead of by the Constables of the Ward as formerly.

TRADING.

Mr. Edward Wilbert, Mayor.

f. 60. At a Meeting of the Mayor, etc., 19th October 1724.

Recital that divers persons not being free of the Corporation have exercised trades in the town without first compounding with the Mayor, etc. for their liberty, contrary to immemorial custom and the Byelaws made for that purpose.

Ordered that any person not being free of the Corporation who shall use and exercise any trade till he or she shall have compounded for liberty so to do with the Mayor, etc. shall forfeit 20/- for every week so offending to be recovered by action of debt or distress.

Further recital that divers persons exercising trades which by immemorial custom have belonged to some of the Companies or Fraternities of Beverley have done so without being members or free of such Company to the prejudice of the other members who are thereby obliged to bear the offices burdens and expenses incident thereto; while such other persons receive the benefits of the trade equally with the members; and unless this defect is

remedied the respective Companies will have few members or be lost for want of members, and the Corporation cannot make its usual appearance.

Ordered by the Mayor, etc. that if any person not free of the Company within this Corporation to which his trade usually belonged, if it belonged to any, or if not of some other Company within this Corporation, shall forfeit to the Mayor, etc., 20/- per week during which he exercises such trade to be recovered as above.

APPRENTICES.

At a meeting, etc., 20th September 1728.

Recital that by procuring fraudulent Indentures of Apprenticeship several persons have endeavoured to impose on the Corporation and so obtain their freedom for 40/-.

Ordered that all existing apprentices bound to any freeman for seven years unexpired are to produce their Indentures to a Chamber meeting on the 18th November next and prove their due execution, for inrolment in a book; and future apprentices to procure inrolment therein within 3 months after execution, by the Clerk to the Chamber; the Clerk to receive 6d.; on failure to comply no such person to be admitted to his freedom for 40/-.

KNITTING STOCKINGS.

f. 61. A copy of the Archbishop's appointment of Trustees.

Reciting that Sir Ralph Warton late of Beverley Knight by his last Will and Testament did give to the Corporation £200 to begin the manufacture of knitting "course" stockings; his nephew Ralph Warton to name Trustees, provided the two ministers be two of the Trustees, to take security that the Stock be not invested; and that Ralph Warton took upon himself execution of the will but did not pay the money in his lifetime, and at his death appointed his brother Charles Warton his executor, who also did not pay over the money, but by his last Will recited the bequest, and stated that the £200 was not yet paid because the Corporation refused to accept it to the use and on the terms of the Will, and appointed that the £200 should be paid as soon as the Corporation gave security therefor pursuant to the Will unto such Trustees, in addition to the ministers of the two Churches, as the Archbishop of York should appoint.

Now know that I, Lancelot, Archbishop of York, do appoint Sir Charles Hotham of Beverley, Baronet, John Audley, LL.D., Chancellor of the diocese of York, the Revd. Heneage Deering LL.D. Dean of Ripon and Archdeacon of the East Riding; William Ward, LL.D. and Commisary of York; John Moyser and Francis Boynton of Beverley and Hugh Bethell of Rise, Trustees of the bequest in addition to the two ministers.

In witness etc. the 16th May 1728.

Witness, Thomas Haytor,
Notary Public,

Lan: Ebor

3rd February 1818. An order that at the Beast Fair in Norwood no cattle be allowed to stand on the west side of the stone pillars at the end of Norwood but only on the east side.

14th February 1822. Memorandum recording that the Mayor and Aldermen had elected Thomas Hull, Doctor of Physic, an Alderman in the place of John Batty Tuke, resigned, and that he accepted office and took the Oaths.

[This is the end of the entries in this half of the book].

GREAT ORDER BOOK (2nd. Part).

Commencing from the end, the outer cover of which is endorsed "Liber D. From the year 1591," and on an inner flyleaf "2nd."

Fastened to the flyleaf is an Agreement, dated 7th October 1805, signed by the Mayor (Christopher Keld) and 12 Aldermen, not to solicit any vote or contribute to any expense relating to future elections of Mayor in order to discountenance contested elections for the mayoralty.

Then follow three (unnumbered) pages containing precedents (temp. George 3rd) for the Oaths of the Mayor, as Mayor, Justice of the Peace, Escheator and Clerk of the Market, and Coroner; of the Deputy Mayor; Aldermen; Capital Burgess; Recorder; Town Clerk; and Attorney in the Court. All these oaths are the same as those given in Poulson's "Beverlac" (pp. 411 to 415), except that of an attorney, which is as follows, viz.:—

"Oath of an Attorney in Court."

"You swear as Attorney of the Court of Record of our sovereign Lord the King held at the Guildhall of this Town of Beverley by the Mayor and Aldermen there truly honestly and faithfully to protect and defend (according to the best of your skill and cunning and power) your client's cause; the jurisdiction of this Court you shall maintain and keep; you shall plead no foreign plea, or any fee take in respect of your office of an Attorney, other than is and hath been accustomed; and in all other things belonging the office of an Attorney of this said Court you shall truly and justly exercise do and perform.

So help you God."

f. 1. 1st February 1587-8. "Whereas divers of the burgesses inhabitants and resiants of this town of late unlawfully assembling themselves together and in secret conventicles and meetings have and do impugne the good government, rule & regyment of this town in contempt of the Maior and Governors thereof, not onlie by comytting divers & soundrye heynouse ryottes and routes in contempt of Her Maities lawes, therefore had and provided, to the great terrour of Her Highness subjectes but also some of them remaining at London by the space of xii weekes last past do by processes & sutes contynuallie molest disturb and disquiet the governors and other the burgesses and inhabitantes thereof, contrarie to there othe and other the good orders of the said town, for better maynetenance whereof and other such enterprises and practices as they intend against the regyment & state of the said town, divers others there adherents and confiderates have by money wordes promises & bondes aided and assisted the said persons, meaning further to aid them therein; for suppression and reformation whereof yt is the day and yere abovesaid ordered enacted and established by Willm. Farley, Maior of the said town, John Truslove Michaell Warton Robt. Ingleton Peter Harpham Raufe Freman Edward Truslove Christofer Thorneton Martin Atmar Henry Curdaikes Phillip Wade George Barthrop and Willm. Maxey the xii Governors of the said town That yf any of the burgesses inhabitantes or resiantes now being or wch hereafter shall be within the said town shall hereafter by any color waies or meanes directlie or indirectlie ayd maintaine contribute assist abet or confort unlawfullie by money word act promise bond or otherwise any such person or persons as heretofore have attempted gone about or put in ure or at any tyme hereafter shall attempt go about or put in ure any unlawful or contemptuous matter or cause whatsoever tending to the disquiet molestacion or incumbrance of the Maior Governors & Burgesses of the said town, or the good government or quiet estaite thereof, or shall hereafter speak or utter any wordes, whereby he or they may be incoraged in his or there said doings or wherein it may appeare he or they are consenting there unto or doth allow of there doings or do utter or speake words to any person or persons that he or they will take there parte assist aid abett or consent to them or that he doth like of there doings, That then the partie or parties so offending shall for the first offence forfeite and pay to the use of the said Maior Governors & Burgesses of the said town the some of v^{li} of lawfull Inglishe money to be levied and rased by way of distress of the goods & cattells of the partie or parties so offending by the officers or mynisters of the said town or any of them, & the same distress to sell yf the same be not paid within three daies after, & to be imprisoned by the space of one month without baile or mayne prise and yf the partie so offending shall not submit himselfe to

the Maïor & Governors or the most part of them within the said month, or secondarilie offend again contrarie to the said order, to be disfranchised of his or their burgessship."

14th April 1597. Memorandum of an order made by the Mayor, Governors and Burgesses that if any burgess dwelling within the town or liberties of Beverley put any more horses or other chattell than his "stynte" in any of the common pastures, he shall forfeit for every head taken so offending $\frac{3}{4}$ And if the common "Pynder" deliver up the said chattel so impounded without the assent of the Pasture masters; forfeit $\frac{3}{4}$; the defaults to be presented at the next Court with the owners' names.

f. 2. 20th January 1591[-2]. It is ordeyned established and statuted by Lancelot Alford Esq. now Maïor, John Hotham Esq. and 10 other (named) Governors, that this Boke is and shall be the Register for all the Actes ordinances & statutes of this said Town of Beverley for ever hereafter to remain and continue.

20th January 1591[-2]. Ordained etc., that Robert Ingleton and Peter Harpham heretofore elected Justices of the said town shall be displaced of their said office of Justiceshipp.

20th January 1591[-2]. John Hotham Esq. and John Truslove elected Justices of the Peace within the town and liberties of Beverley.

19th October 1592. Whereas John Truslove, now Mayor, was Justice of the Peace of Beverley and by his office of Mayor his former Justiceship is avoided; the Governors elect Lancelot Alford a Justice of the Peace.

27th January 1594[-5]. Lancelot Alford, at his own request, discharged of his place of Justice of the Peace "for that he hath dyverse sewts and businesses at London." John Truslove elected a Justice of the Peace in his place.

29th September 1595. Ordered etc. by the Governors that John Truslove be displaced of his Justiceship; Peter Harpham elected.

f. 3. 1592. [Here follow a series of orders similar in scope to those abstracted at *f. 1* to *3* in part 1 made in 1596 [pp. 36-45]. Many of them are crossed out. Only their main variations from the 1596 orders are given below by reference to the paragraph numbers of the 1596 orders.

The paragraphs are not numbered in the MS. Where not otherwise shown they are similar in terms to the corresponding items of 1596 which are referred to by the numbers in round brackets].

The preamble is similar to that of 1596; made by John Truslove Mayor [1592] and 11 named Governors,

1. Election of Mayor (Item 1 except that the Governors chose the names of three Governors from whom the new Mayor was chosen. The words "and that noe other Burgess" to the end of the paragraph do not appear here).

2. Refusal of Governor to act (Item 3, but fine only £5).

3. Mayor not to be chosen again within 5 years (Item 4, except the last sentence).

4. Mayor to go to Church (Item 5 except the last paragraph).

5. Governors to attend the Mayor (Item 6 omitting "Selected Burgesses").

6. Burgesses or inhabitants failing to appear before the Mayor on summons. Fine 6/8.

7. The Mayor to have for his allowance and dyet £30 and "two hundreth of Westwood kydds" paying for the same at the town's price. And to find the Sergeant at Mace and common officer meat and drink (see Item 7).

8. The Mayor not to frequent alehouses etc. unless for good cause, as e.g. invited to dinner. Fine 40/-.

9. The Governors similarly. Fine 40/-. (Item 8, limited to Governors).

10. The Mayor to walk in a comely gown, and with the mace (Item 9).

11. [Not deleted]. Every officer shall collect and pay to the Mayor all money received by them or chargeable by reason of their offices within ten days of demand.

12. [Not deleted]. Governors to reside in the town (Item 10).

13. No burgess to bring upon the pavements any cart with iron bound wheels (Item 36 but no limitation of time).

14. [Not deleted]. No burgess to bring any action of debt or damage under 40/- except in the town court, without licence of the Mayor, 40/- (*cf.* Item 10).

15. [Not deleted]. Burgesses to impound only in the common fold of the town (Item 11).

f. 4. 16. Burgesses indebted to the town refusing to pay on demand to be disfranchised until satisfaction made.

17. Every person hereafter licensed to keep an alehouse, typling house, inn or tavern shall pay yearly to the town 20/-; the Mayor and Justices shall not admit above forty alehouses, etc. to be kept within the town; the persons so allowed to be of honest name fame credit and behaviour, and to be bound with sureties to pay the yearly payment.

18. [Not deleted]. No house, etc. without a chimney to be let, nor one house for two families (Item 12).

19. [Not deleted]. Forefronts of houses to be paved (Item 13).

20. No brackens to be got in the Common Pastures from Martinmas until Michaelmas (first part of Item 14).

21. [Not deleted]. Governors to make search within their Ward (first part of Item next after 14).

22. The Mayor shall have the collecting of all rents and revenues of the town and for his pains have £5, and a livery for such person as he shall appoint to collect; the Mayor to enter into a sufficient bond to make a true account; this to continue until Michaelmas and no longer and then two Receivers to be chosen yearly. Penalty for refusal to accept office, £5.

23. "Item whereas the Maior Governors and Burgesses of this towne of Beverley are determined that all the poore inhabitants within the same towne shall bestowe and spend their lief in some kynd of worke whereby they may the better be able to lyve and mayntayne them selves, and for that same cannot be doune without great cost & charges, the towne's stocke not being able to support the same without the ayd and helpe of some comoditie to be mayd for that purpose; Therefore it is ordayned established and statuted by the Maior, Governors and Burgesses that the Maior and Governors or the most part of them for the tyme beinge shall at their discretion sell and cut downe so muche of the tymber wood and underwood now growinge within Westwood belonging to the said towne as to them shall be thought mete and convenient & the money thereof to be receyved and taken to be employed and bestowed in a stocke for the settinge of the said poore inhabitantes of the said towne on worke as is aforesayd upon payne of [blank] to be levyed to the townes use of the goods of the offenders in manner and forme aforesaid."

24. [Not deleted]. The old Mayor to make the town's accounts yearly (Item 17 except the reference to the Receivers).

25. [Not deleted]. Two Masters of the works to be appointed (Item 18).

26. [Not deleted]. The town's stock or treasure to be kept in the Common Chest of the town under three locks; the Mayor always to have the custody of one key and the others to be kept by the appointment of the Mayor and Governors.

27. [Not deleted]. No arrests in any house, etc. without licence of the housekeeper (Item 19 down to "if the doors, etc. be open").

28. [Not deleted]. Sale of tiles and bricks to Hull prohibited (Item 20).

29. [Not deleted]. Houses not to be taken down (Item 21).

30. [Not deleted]. Process against burgess on default on a "Burgess deley" (Item 22).

31. No one except the Mayor or his officers or Sergeants to receive any rents or revenues. This to continue only until next Michaelmas,

32. Six Governors and eight Burgesses to be chosen yearly as Auditors of the town's accounts (*cf.* Item 23).

f. 5. 33. [Not deleted]. The Mayor to answer for his acts, etc. (Item 24).

"All thes orders agreed upon (saving the first and thos which are crossed forth) by consent of the Governors then present viz., Mr. Harpham, Mr. Rydley, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Pape, Mr. Wayd, Mr. Waller, & Mr. Robt. Grey, and the Burgesses viz., John Fotherby, John Clark, John Warter, Raphe Benson, Wm. Mappleton, Wm. Cowleson, Robt. Cartwright, Richard Rosdayle, & Thomas Catton."

[Signed by the abovenamed, and six others].

24th September 1593. Mr. Inglinton discharged of his Governorship; he had been ordered to come in and show cause before last Candlemas and had not "comed in."

9th January 1593[-4]. Lancelot Alford Esq. and John Truslove granted a letter of Attorney under the Common Seal to present the causes betwixt Michael Warton and the town in the Exchequer and in other Courts; and for all other causes now in controversy.

13th January 1593[-4]. On account of the urgent and necessary affairs of the town rendering it necessary to disburse and defray several sums of money, which cannot be accomplished except by the sale of timber from Westwood, the Mayor (Philip Wayd) is authorised to sell the trees growing there from Farley Green to the Cockpit and from South Park into Newbald Dale and not outside those limits.

17th October 1594. Philip Wayd, late Mayor, ordered to make him before next Easter a sufficient gown faced with foynes.

2nd January 1594[-5]. Order by Peter Harpham, Mayor, 6 named Governors and 12 named Burgesses, that as the Earl of Huntingdon has awarded that the town shall pay Thomas Wakefield £43 for his charges defrayed about the Gaol House; and the town has no present money to pay him; that the amount be borrowed and paid.

[Signed by all the persons named].

f. 6. 10th March 1594[-5]. A similar order, to raise £100 payable to Michael Warton awarded to him by the Earl of Huntingdon and also a further £100 for the discharge of Her Majesty's taxes and other necessities, in respect of the sale of all the Wood in the Hurn [a pasture adjoining Westwood] saving a thousand sufficient "standers of okes and ashes" whereof twenty to be reserved of the eldest oaks, being straight and most likely for timber; and also three hundred more likely standers to be left (if the Mayor and Governors have liking that they shall stand,

then We the said Mayor and Governors agree to pay such reasonable price for the same as four indifferent men shall appraise) Reserving all the wood within six feet of the hedge except there be more than two of one root, that then the buyers of the said hagge shall have the residue, and no old trees to be felled within the said compass; And that the thorns for the fencing of the Hurn shall be taken without the compass aforesaid; Provided that the buyers shall fell the said hagge orderly before the 20th May next.

5th May 1595. Mr. Elley, a Governor, ordered to come in before 25th June to shew cause why he does not execute the office of a Governor; or else to be displaced.

Upon my Lord President's motion for displacing Mr. Thornaby, a Governor, "for certain causes to His Lordship best known"; and for divers other abuses offered to the Mayor, Governors, and Burgesses he is accordingly displaced.

8th May 1595. Mr. John Elley having "comed in" [see above] and desired to be released of his place of Governor, he is accordingly discharged.

Edward Truslove, Governor, ordered to come and reside in Beverley before the 1st August or be displaced.

29th May 1595. Robert Clarke the Elder, elected a Governor.

2nd June 1595. Robert Robinson, elected a Governor.

John Truslove, a Governor, displaced, the Lord President and Council in the North parts, for diverse causes by them heard and examined, having thought it convenient.

24th July 1595. Peter Artisse, Governor, discharged at his own earnest suit and request [he was present but appears not to have voted for the discharge of John Truslove].

16th August 1595. Christopher Rydley elected a Governor.

29th August 1595. Edward Truslove [see above] did not come in and is consequently displaced.

f. 7. 22nd September 1595. Thomas Waller elected a Governor and sworn 13th December 1595. Robert Grey also.

3rd May 1596. John Hotham, a Governor and Justice, released and removed at his own request.

Mr. Rydley chosen a Justice in his place.

6th May 1596. Edward Grey elected a Governor.

31st March 1597. William Maxey, Governor, removed at his own request. John Fotherbie chosen Governor in his place.

13th April 1597. Robert Clarke, Governor, ordered to come and reside in the town before 1st May or forfeit £10.

6th October 1597. Order that all officers of the town shall pay rents and charges lawfully imposed on them by the Mayor and Governors or be displaced from their offices.

8th December 1598. William Gee of Beverley appointed Recorder by the Mayor and Governors; 8 of the 13 Burgesses of

the Common Counsell being acquainted, well contented and agreeing.

12th September 1597. Wm. Parkinson elected a Governor.

20th April 1598. Thomas Thornaby ditto.

8th May 1598. Lancelot Alford, Governor, displaced at his own request.

f. 8. 24th September 1599. Robt. Clarke, Governor, given until the Feast of the Purification to come and dwell in the town, or be displaced.

25th January 1601[-2]. Thomas Thornaby, Governor, displaced at his own request.

14th April 1602. Henry Farrer elected a Governor.

7th June, 1602. Mr. Rydley, a Governor, displaced at his own request, owing to illhealth, he to pay a fine of £10 on the 14th June.

19th April 1602. William Barrett elected a Governor.

9th September 1602. Robert Cartwright ditto.

2nd May 1603. Christopher Farrer ditto.

1604. Wm. Parkinson appointed a Justice.

15th October 1604. John Johnson elected a Governor.

25th March 1605[-6]. Edward Nelthorp ditto.

26th September 1608. John Dent ditto.

15th December 1608. Mr. Waide, a Governor, released at his own request owing to illhealth, and the fine of £10 remitted.

10th February 1608[-9]. A memorandum of an action in the Exchequer at York between the town and William Ellis with regard to his teaching "schollers" to the hindrance of the public schools in Beverley. It was agreed by both parties and decreed by the Commissioners that Ellis should have liberty to continue to teach the four "gramer schollers" [named] until they leave him, after which he was not to teach grammar in the town any more; but he was to be allowed to teach "accidence" and other inferior books fit for children until they be fit for grammar school; and the Mayor also agreed to use his best endeavour to procure £10 for Mr. Ellis out of the town's benevolence for his diligence and painstaking in preaching in St. Marie's Church and elsewhere.

Signed by Willm. Goodwine, Matt. Dodsworth and H. Swynburne and also Stephen Clarke, Not. pub.

f. 9. 11th August 1609. Sir William Gee, Recorder, by reason of his urgent occasions in His Majesty's affairs, resigned his office, and Thomas Pearson of York was appointed Recorder at a salary of £10 and promised to take a house and reside in the town the most part of the vacation times, and to be present at the Mayor's election, Quarter Sessions, Jury days, and other special occasions.

(Signed) Tho. Pearson.

25th September 1609. Thomas Smayles elected a Governor.

16th June 1610. Thomas Clarke, to be Governor.

13th July 1610. Roger Barton and Peter Lickberray, to be Governors.

18th April 1611. Roger Barton's election confirmed, and in case of opposition by anyone, the town to maintain the cause and pay the expenses.

13th January 1611[-12]. Edward Grey appointed a J.P.

27th January 1611[-12]. William Barrett elected a Governor, and restored to his former place as a Governor.

22nd April 1613. John Smales elected a Governor.

23rd September 1613. John Warter, Governor.

4th July 1616. Christopher Farrer, at his own request in order to better himself by living elsewhere, discharged of his place as Governor and presented with £30.

f. 10. 8th July 1616. George Cockrell, elected a Governor.

8th April 1617. John Fotherbie and Henry Farrer appointed J.P.s in the places of William Parkinson, Mayor, and Edward Grey, by consent.

13th April 1618. John Chappelow, Governor.

1st September 1618. William Ledgard, Governor.

[Hereafter, the items relating to elections, resignations, and displacing of Governors, and Justices of the Peace, which occur at frequent intervals, will not be noticed apart from unusual or special entries. Two Justices, usually the eldest Governors, were appointed annually to act for a year at this period].

f. 11. 18th March 1623. Five Counsellors at Law put on the leet for election as Recorder and Mr. Francis Thorpe elected, provided he reside in the town as a burgess.

6th October 1625. Edward Tripp, Clerk of the Court of Record and Clerk of the Peace, who was recently elected a Governor, resigns his Governorship, as the two offices are incompatible. Resignation accepted on payment of £10 fine.

12th March 1628[-9]. The town's new Charter of Charles I brought in on this day. It cost £401. 4. 0.

13th April 1629. The Recorder and nine Governors sworn as Justices of the Peace according to the new Charter (no limitation of time).

f. 13. 13th March 1639[-40]. Present Mr. Willm. Elrington, Mayor, 11 Governors and 12 Burgesses. Sir John Hotham, Knt. and Bart. and Michael Warton Esq. chosen Burgesses for the town in Parliament; they accepted and agreed to serve at their own charges.

f. 14. 17th September 1646. An order that any person

elected a Governor and refusing to act shall forfeit £100 to be levied by distress.

Robt Grey, Thomas Tuting, William Dunne, and Thomas Hudson put on election for Governor. William Dunne elected. Mr. Dunne having 6 votes and Thomas Hudson 5 it was directed by Baron Thorpe, Recorder, that the Mayor should give his voice unto the 6 if he would give it at the same time, otherwise break off the election until another time.

12th March 1649[-50]. [Deleted]. William Wise, Counsellor at Law, elected Recorder by the Mayor and Governors, provided he reside in Beverley as a burgess. Fee £10 per annum. Signed by William Wise.

6th May 1652. [deleted]. Recital that William Wise, Recorder, though agreeing as aforesaid to reside in the town, has not performed accordingly, ordered by the Mayor, James Nelthorpe and William Coulson, Governors (Wm. Waide and Wm. Newcome, Governors, also being present though Wm. Wilberforce John Johnson and Wm. Forge, Governors, had been present but departed when the present business was propounded without giving any consent or denial thereto); that the said election of Recorder be annulled.

14th March 1652[-3]. The last order repealed.

[Various elections of Governors from 1652 to 1658].

2nd April 1660. At a general meeting in the Council Chamber by the Mayor, Governors and Burgesses, Sir John Hotham and Sir Hugh Bethell elected Burgesses for the town at the next Parliament to serve at their own charges.

12th June 1660. Michael Warton Esqr., elected to Parliament in the place of Hugh Bethell¹.

16th April 1661. At a general assembly in the Guildhall by the Mayor, Recorder, Governors, and Burgesses, Michael Warton and Sir John Hotham, Bart., elected to the Parliament of the 8th May 1661 and accepted, to serve at their own charges.

On the same date an order [deleted] by the Mayor, Recorder, Governors, Burgesses, and Commonalty that in future elections of Burgesses to serve in Parliament they be chosen generally by the Commonalty of the town, in the open Hall, and that whatsoever the Thirteen Burgesses of the town's Chamber have heretofore done shall be done and transacted by the Commonalty of the town in open Hall so far as the town's charter will warrant; and that no more Thirteen Burgesses shall henceforth be elected to transact the business of the town as formerly. [See order of 22nd September 1662 annulling this order].

11th September 1662. Copy of an order reciting that William Wayde was in the year 1645 unduly elected a Governor in the place of Mr. William Eldrington who was then displaced

¹ Bethell had been elected also for the Borough of Hedon.

because of his good affection to his late sacred Majesty of blessed memory; ordered, by virtue of the Act for the well governing and regulation of Corporations and of his Majesty's commission, that William Wayde shall not for the future execute the said office of Governor. The names appended to the order are John Hotham, Robert Hyldyard, Phillip Monckton, Thomas Hebblethwayte, Anthony Gylby, and Tobias Jenkins.

f. 15. Same date. A similar order displacing William Forge and restoring Edward Grey, Sen., whom he had superseded in 1645.

Same date. An order displacing William Coulson, Thomas Hudson, Timothy Grey, and Thomas Milner, Governors and Magistrates, under the same Act and Royal Commission, on the ground that it appears to us [the signatories as above] that they are not fit persons to continue to exercise that office.

Same date. Copy order signed by the above except Gylby and Monckton, but with the addition of Michael Warton, reciting that Thomas Johnson, Mayor, William Wise, Recorder, Edward Grey, Sen., William Newcome, Robert Fotherby, William Dunne, Edward Grey, Jun., and William Nelson, Governors; Christopher Tadman, Town Clerk, and John Jackson, Clerk to the Council Chamber, have come before us and taken the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy and those directed by the Corporation Act, in pursuance of the Act and His Majesty's Commission, to those whose names are hereunder written and others: Ordered that Wise, Grey, Newcome, Fotherby, Dunne, Grey, Jun., Nelson, Tadman and Jackson be continued in their offices and that Thomas Johnson, Mayor, Thomas Clark, George Davies, Thomas Gossipp, Thomas Davison, Stephen Goakman, and John Todd be vested in the offices of Governors and Justices of the Peace for Beverley.

Same date. Memorandum that all the abovenamed (including also William Forge) took the Oaths of Obedience and Supremacy and the other Oaths appointed by the Act, and also subscribed the Declaration against the Solemn League and Covenant publicly before the Commissioners.

Same date. Memorandum signed by the Town Clerk and Chamber Clerk that the above orders made by the Commissioners agreed with the originals.

Also that Johnson, Clark, Davies, Gossipp, Davison and Goakman were duly sworn Governors and Justices.

20th September 1662. John Todd sworn a Governor and Justice.

22nd September 1662. Order made at a General Assembly of the "Mayor Governors and Commonalty the Burgesses" that the order of the 16th April 1661 making void the Thirteen Burgesses who then were Assistants to the Mayor and Governors in transacting the affairs of the town with divers other things contained

in the said Order shall be annulled and a former order made in 1602 for electing 13 Burgesses be revived and continued.

22nd September 1662. William Dunne, elected Mayor by the Mayor, Governors, and the major part of the Commonalty the Burgesses of this town assembled.

f. 16. Two elections of Governors and Justices to fill vacancies 1664 and 1665.

12th October 1665. Wm. Newcome, Governor and Justice of the Peace displaced at his own request as he had been chosen "Master of the house of correction in Beverley."

Seven elections of Governors and Justices to fill vacancies, 1666 to 1670.

f. 16 (*sic*). [The numbering of this page is a duplicate number in error].

10th April 1671. Bartholomew Towers, Governor, discharged at his own request for reasons best known to himself.

Two elections of Governor and Justices 1671 and 1672.

18th September 1673. John Todd, Governor and Justice, by reason of a long weakness, could not go to Church to receive the Sacrament since the passing of the Act against Popish Recusants, nor go to Quarter Sessions to take the Oaths, his office is therefore ipso facto void. He is re-elected and restored to his place of seniority.

24th September 1674. John Todd dismissed of his offices at his own request.

12th April 1675. Sir William Wise, Recorder, discharged at his own request. Robert Stapilton, Esq. appointed Recorder, £10 a year.

27th September 1675. Richard Weston, Esq. appointed Recorder in place of Stapilton decd. at the same salary.

10th June 1678. Richard Weston, Sergeant at Law, resigned and Sir Edward Barnard, Kt., appointed Recorder at the same salary.

f. 17. No date. About 1678. **Orders for the Pastures.**

Recital of the authority of the Mayor, Governors and 13 Capital Burgesses to make laws, etc. for the better Government of the town under the Town's Charter of Charles II; that within the liberties of and belonging to the town there are the Common Pastures of Westwood, Hurn, Figholme and Swinemore, in which the Freemen and Burgesses depasture their goods, and that certain of the Freemen and Burgesses have kept such numbers of goods and cattle and at such times in the year as tend to the prejudice of the Mayor, Governors, and Burgesses; Ordered by the Mayor, Governors, and 13 Capital Burgesses that Westwood, Figholme and Swinemoor henceforth be "broke" yearly on the 3rd May

as usually accustomed, and every Burgess and Freeman (being inhabitant) may keep 3 cows or heifers (being his own goods), in Westwood until the 8th September; afterwards until the 2nd February four cows or one horse and two cows, or two horses only, and none at other times; Also to keep in Figholme from the 3rd May to 2nd February 3 cows or heifers (his own), or one horse and 2 cows, or 2 horses; Also in Swinemoor 6 horses or beasts of any kind during the same period; Also in Hurn one horse at such times as the Pasture Masters for Westwood shall fix. Any Burgess or freeman offending to forfeit 10/- to the Corporation for every cow, heifer, horse, or beast depastured contrary to this Order.

24th August 1691. Ordered that there be only two Sergeants at Mace for the Town and Court in future unless upon a special occasion a special bailiff be sworn by the Mayor.

19th October 1691. Thomas Spavin, a Sergeant at Mace, now too old to be of use, and the Mayor desires to appoint another person in his place, but Thomas who has lived in prosperity is now come to a low estate. Ordered that he be sworn a third Sergeant notwithstanding the last order until some other place happen fit to be undertaken by him.

[The last two orders evidently inserted in a blank space out of date].

19th February 1679. Sir John Hotham, Bart. and Michael Warton, Esq. elected by the Mayor, Recorder, Governors, and Burgesses at a General Assembly in the Guildhall to the Parliament summoned for 6th March next. They accepted to serve at their own charges. (Signed) Jo. Hotham, M. Warton.

27th August 1679. Similarly for the Parliament of 17th October next.

10th February 1680[-1]. Similarly for the Parliament at Oxford on the 21st March next.

26th March 1685. Michael Warton, Esq. and Sir Ralph Warton elected for the Parliament of 19th May next at their own charges.

[This entry out of chronological order].

f. 18. 30th September 1682. Christopher Tadman elected "Common Clerk of this Town and Clerk of the Record" for the year ensuing, and sworn. [This entry now occurs yearly and is not repeated in this abstract].

1st May 1683. Matthew Ashmole elected a Governor and Justice of the Peace and took the Oaths and Declaration. He thereupon resigned his Office as an Attorney in the Beverley Court of Record.

15th April 1686. Christopher Northend, Attorney at Law, chosen by the Mayor and Aldermen as an Attorney of the town's Court in place of Benjamin Hayward late Attorney of the said

Court when it was holden before the Mayor and Governors¹; to practice as an Attorney there during the discontinuance of Mr. Hayward.

12th December 1687. All Aldermen who on the Lord's Day commonly called Sunday repair to either of the Churches to hear Divine Service and Sermon shall appear in a decent gown. Forfeit 1/- of current English money.

f. 19. "At the Court at Whitehall the 20th of May 1688.

1688. By the King's most Excellent Matie and the Lord's His Maties most Honble Privy Councell.

"Whereas by the Charter granted to this Towne of Beverley in Yorkshire a Power is reserved to His Matie by his Order in Councell to remove from their employments any officers in the said Towne, his Matie in Councell is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered that John Fotherbie Willm Clark Joseph Naylor and Christopher Chappelow, Aldermen; Henry Thirsk Edward Webster and Henry Johnson, Burgesses, or Common Councell men, and James Moyser, Recorder bee and they are hereby removed and displaced from their said offices in the said Towne of Beverley"

Wm Bridgeman"

Then follows a mandate, signed "Sunderland" by His Majesty's command, reciting the above Order and continuing "Wee have thought fit hereby to Will and require you forthwith to elect and admit our trusty and wellbeloved Sugdon, John Thorp, Esq., John Brigham, Esq., and Thomas Miller to bee Aldermen; Edward Coulson Baker, Peter Thompson, John Gurwood & Richard Booth to bee Burgesses or Common Councellmen and Thomas Alured to bee Recorder" without administering any oath except the usual one for the execution of their respective places "with which we are pleased to dispense in this behalf, and for soe doing this shall bee your warrant." Given at Whitehall 21st May, 1688.

11th June 1688. Thomas Alured chosen Recorder and sworn. £10 a year. Thomas Milner and John Sugdon chosen Aldermen and Justices.

17th September 1688 [Interlined] Mr. Milner at his own request for reasons best known to himself dismissed his place of Alderman.

[Apparently following on the 11th June 1688]. Reciting the mandate to elect Edward Coulson Baker, Richard Booth, John Gurwood, and Peter Thompson as Capital Burgesses, and forasmuch as none of them were in the list propounded to the "Commons" at the last election according to the Charter. Ordered that we do resolve to elect four Capital Burgesses, instead of those displaced, according to the Charter, and that a letter be sent to

¹ The new Charter of James II. altered the style of "Governor" to "Alderman".

His Majesty accordingly, and also to say what "proceed" hath been made with the election of the four Aldermen named in the mandate, for His Majesty's advice therein; and that Mr. Evans, the King's Messenger have six guineas paid to him for his fees.

27th December 1688. General Assembly of the Mayor and Burgesses. Sir John Hotham Bart. and Sir Michael Warton, Kt. elected to the Parliament of the 15th January next, to serve at their own cost.

[All following elections to Parliament were by general assembly of the Mayor and Burgesses or Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses].

11th January 1688[-9]. Memorandum that by virtue of a letter from His Highness the Prince of Orange to the Mayor, Sir John Hotham and Sir Michael Warton are elected to serve at the Convention at Westminster on the 22nd January; and they accepted.

7th May 1689. Sir John Hotham Bart. being dead, his son Sir John elected to serve in the present Parliament in his stead upon Warrant from the Sheriff granted on a Writ from our Sovereign Lord and Lady King William and Queen Mary, at his own costs, which he accepted.

3rd March 1689[-80]. Sir Michael Warton and William Gee Esq. elected to the Parliament of 20th March; at their own costs.

23rd November 1691. Thomas Alured, chosen Recorder, and took the Oaths and declaration.

28th October 1708. [Inserted here]. Edward Barnard, chosen Recorder. £10 salary.

f. 20. 31st October 1695. Sir Michael Warton, Kt. and Ralph Warton Esq. elected to Parliament of the 22nd November next. At their own costs.

28th July 1698. Sir Michael and Ralph Warton again elected to Parliament.

19th January 1700, and again.

26th November 1701. Sir Michael Warton and William Gee, Esq., elected to Parliament.

23rd July 1702. Sir Charles Hotham Bart. and William Gee elected to Parliament.

16th May 1705. Sir Charles Hotham and John Moyser Esq.

10th May 1708. Sir Charles Hotham Bart. and Sir Michael Warton Kt. at their own costs.

9th October 1710. And again.

2nd September 1713. And again.

f. 21. 12th December 1681. **Court of Record.**

"Orders and Rules made and published the twelfth day of December Anno Dom 1681 by the Right Worpll Edward Grey

Mayor Sr. Edward Barnard Knight Recorder and the Governors of the said Towne of Beverley whose names are hereunto subscribed for the better ordering the offices of the Kings Maties Cort of Record holden in and for the said Towne and regulating the pcess pleadings & proceedings therein according to the laudable and ancient custome usage and practice of the same Court and as the same have beene accustomably used."

[An Abstract only of the Orders follows].

1. All actions and complaints shall be entered upon Record with the Clerk of the Court. No Sergeant at Mace shall arrest any person thereupon without a ticket of the action signed by the Mayor or the Clerk of the Court or his deputy; or attach any goods without a warrant of *distringas* signed by the Mayor and sealed with the seal of the Court.

2. Persons arrested by the Sergeant at Mace or Bailiff of the Court shall give sufficient Bail within two hours or in default be conveyed to the gaol to the keeper of the gaol to be secured according to law.

3. All goods and chattels distrained under a *distringas* to be delivered to the gaoler.

4. All persons arrested or attached before they be delivered or set free on bail shall appoint an Attorney of the Court to appear for them in the action or plaint.

5. All Sergeants and Bailiffs of the Court shall at every Court make a return of all such actions as have been "sett" by them by arrest of person or attachment of goods since the last Court, and give an account whether the parties be agreed, in which case concords or discontinuances shall be entered on the Records; and in those not agreed shall return the names of persons undertaking bail for defendants set at liberty.

6. The plaintiff to every action in which a person is bailed or detained in gaol shall appear by his Attorney or in default be non-suited and pay the Defendant his costs as taxed by the Mayor.

7. The Sergeants etc. shall take of every plaintiff who is not a Burgess of the Corporation and Inhabitant in the Town or liberties a sufficient pledge to proceed in the action and to pay any adjudged against him and return the name of such pledge to be entered on the Record.

8. No officer of the Court shall be accepted as a pledge surety or bail.

9. If any person be arrested on any plaint or action and committed to gaol in default of bail, the Plaintiff, at the next Court holden after such person shall have been two nights in gaol shall enter his Declaration at Large against the Defendant if he appear thereto in person or by Attorney and demand a declaration. In default to be non-suited and pay costs taxed by the Mayor.

10. The plaintiff at the next Court after a Defendant who is on Bail has entered an appearance on the record shall file a

Declaration at Large; and the defendant may have a copy thereof; in default unless the Court give a further week's time, he shall be non-suited and pay costs.

11. The Defendant shall then enter his plea at the next Court and the Plaintiff may have a copy; the like time to be given to the Defendant and Plaintiff to Reply, Rejoin, etc. In default judgment against the defaulter unless the Court grant a week's extension of time.

12. All rules of the Court to be drawn and entered at the charge of the person moving for them and having the benefit thereof.

13. All Attorneys of the Court shall call for and cause each other to enter their Declarations and other pleadings according to these rules, and take the benefit of non-compliance for their Clients so as to avoid delays, so that the Court may be discharged of all actions by concord discontinuance non-suit judgement and satisfaction in reasonable time.

14. The Attorneys to be answerable for all Court fees due by their Clients after appearance entered.

15. The Sergeants at Mace shall at every Court pay over to the Corporation or to the Mayor, Clerk, and Attorneys of the Court all sums received to their respective uses since the last Court Day.

16. In case any Declaration at Large, plea, replication and other pleadings are not put in at the appropriate Court the Attorney in default shall pay fourpence to the Clerk for entering a continuance until the next Court day, and so for every Court Day afterwards until the pleading is put in and entered.

17. All judgment bills or bills of costs in order to judgment shall be signed by the Mayor or in his absence the Recorder in open Court and not elsewhere.

Signed by Edward Grey, Mayor; Edward Barnard, Recorder, and the twelve Governors.

f. 22. 1685. [No date but "Mr. Chr. Chappelow, Mayor"] At a meeting of the Mayor, Recorder (James Moyser, Esq.) Aldermen and Capital Burgesses: Ordered that John Jackson¹, Macebearer, Clerk to the Chamber, Attorney of the Court of Record and Clerk to the Justices "at the monthely meetings" is chosen and continued² in his said offices, with salaries as heretofore viz., £3. 6. 8 per ann. as Macebearer; and a new gown every three years; £6. 13. 4 as Clerk to this Chamber with all contingent fees as of late and 20/- per ann. as Clerk; and also that Mr. Nelson be sworn an Attorney of the Court.

¹ Was a Baker and was appointed Macebearer and Attorney of the Court in 1651; Clerk to the Chamber in 1660; resigned these offices in 1707. All Corporation records between 1659 and 1707 are in his writing.

² Following the new Charter of James II.

1st June 1685. At a Court of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Reciting that Samuel Johnston is nominated an Alderman and Justice of the Peace by the new Charter and now alleges that he is a "Phisitian" and often called abroad about his profession and that either the service of His Majesty, the Corporation, the care of his patients or his family may be neglected, requests to be released; and his resignation is therefore accepted.

Signed by Sam Johnston.

Mr. Thomas Statter appointed an Alderman and Justice in his place, and took the Oaths and made the Declaration.

17th September 1688. Ordered by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses that any Burgess and Freeman chosen to be Alderman "in the stead and place of any other Alderman who shall be displaced by His Majesty's Order in the Privy Counsell" and shall refuse to accept, shall forfeit £20.

The same day Samuel Wilberforce and two others elected Aldermen.

f. 23. Samuel Wilberforce asked to be excused and pays the £20 fine, and the Corporation agree that he shall not be liable to serve in any office without his consent.

The same day Richard Bethell chosen an Alderman instead of Wilberforce, and is sworn, but on the

20th September 1688 he stated his intention of leaving the town for his health, and that his wife is very lame, and humbly requested to be dismissed, and on payment of £10 was released.

On the same day Christopher Tadman chosen "Common Clerk of this Town"¹.

[This appointment is confirmed annually—no further entries will be noted here].

27th July 1691. Any Alderman who is chosen Mayor by the Burgesses for a second time shall not at the expiration of his term take any other place than according to his seniority from the time of his first being Mayor.

The same day. Reciting that the Mayor to be chosen every Michaelmas is uncertain because the Burgesses and freemen have liberty to choose any of the twelve Aldermen; and because a surprise election is inconvenient to the Mayor Elect in the entertainment of the Burgesses on election day; it is ordered that in future elections the new Mayor shall invite the old Mayor, his brethren and the Capital Burgesses to his house at 3 o'clock, and present every "fraternity" in the town with 15/-; and give every freeman or burgess not of any fraternity 6d. if they think fit to accept it, wherewith to make merry; and that these orders may be inviolably kept the Mayor and Aldermen have subscribed their names upon penalty of £20 upon any who do not perform it.

¹ Not the same office as that held by John Jackson. See *f. 21*.

[The signatures appear to have been erased and a note inserted that the last order is made void by the Mayor and ten Aldermen. No date].

f. 24. 16th December 1691. A lengthy order, reciting the desirability of keeping in order the public wells or pumps in the town, as being a ready help to suppress fire, and to serve the frequent, if not daily, household needs of the inhabitants; it is ordered that the Constables of each Ward shall keep them in repair and re-imburse themselves by laying a rate with the assistance of two substantial householders of the Ward, having regard in laying the rate to those housekeepers who have most occasion to use the wells, etc., the rate to be signed by the Mayor; Penalty on Ward Constables in default 20/- to be levied by distress under the Mayor's warrant, or by action in the local Court of Record; Penalty for refusing to pay the Rate, double rates. Appeal against the rate to the Borough Quarter Sessions. Cross Bridge Well to be kept in repair by the Constable for Toll Gavel Ward. Any person executing this order and being molested in his person or estate to be indemnified by the Corporation. Notice of the order to be given to the Constables of the Wards at the next Quarter Sessions.

f. 24 [duplicate No.]. 19th February 1693[-4]. Ordered by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses.

1. The Mayor after Michaelmas next to have £22 Yearly and no more, viz., £4 for every Quarter Sessions dinner, 20/- yearly for coals and £5 for poor and passengers "which abates what hee used to have paid unto him as in the margent." [Marginal note £6.]

2. The Mayor only to be allowed 30/- for his charges in attending each assize except on special business occasioning a longer stay [£2].

3. John Jackson [Chamber Clerk, Macebearer, etc.] abated in his yearly salary 40/-, and to have a new gown once in 7 years, and to leave the same to his successor. [£2].

4. William Abbay, the Town's Cook, salary abated 40/-. [£2].

5. John Norris, Market Keeper, abated 20/-. [20/-].

6. The Town's pavior to have no salary after Michaelmas next. [15/-].

7. The Town's Bedle and Swineherd, each abated 10/- yearly [20/-].

8. The Town's Officers to have cloaks every two years only. [£11].

9. That Taxes be craved for such rents as the Corporation pay to the town of "Holden" and to the Grave of Cottingham, [£2].

10. That Mr. Tadman's successor shall pay £5 yearly to the Corporation for his place of Clerk of the Peace and Clerk of the Record. [£5].

11. The consideration of Dr. Metcalfe's Will referred to the whole Chamber.

All the above orders agreed to by the Mayor, Aldermen and Capital Burgesses for the reason that upon the inspection and consideration of the receipts and payments of the Corporation their annual payments exceed their annual receipts.

1703. Francis Tadman (son of Christopher Tadman, decd.) chosen Clerk of the Peace and Record in the place of his late father, upon the terms of the order above written.

7th March 1699[-1700]. Fine for non-acceptance of office on election as an Alderman fixed at £30; the refuser may be committed to gaol until payment.

Same date. William Wilberforce elected Alderman and sworn.

2nd May 1700. Marmaduke Nelson elected an Alderman.

f. 25. He however produced a Writ of privilege [set out verbatim] directed to the Mayor and Aldermen stating that he is an Attorney of the Court of Common Pleas at Westminster and therefore he ought to be discharged, which is allowed accordingly.

22nd August 1700. Sir Michael Warton Kt. elected an Alderman, but on the 7th September 1700 paid £30 fine and was discharged.

Same date. Ralph Warton, Esq. elected an Alderman, but on the 16th September 1700 paid a fine of £30 and was discharged.

12th September 1700. James Greyborne elected an Alderman, but on the 16th asked to be discharged and was ordered to pay £30 fine.

16th and 18th September 1700. Two Aldermen were elected, who accepted and were sworn accordingly.

28th October 1700. £10 of the fine of £30 paid by James Greyborne is remitted and repaid to him.

1701. 3rd November 1701. A lengthy order reciting, inter alia, the Mayor's authority and custom to appoint each year two Receivers from amongst the Burgesses to collect the Corporation revenues and pay such sums as are ordered to be paid by the Mayor and Aldermen and Ordering a fine of £10 for refusal to accept office, and exempting them from being required to serve again within 7 years; Also imposing a fine of £10 for refusal to accept the office of Capital Burgess on election as such.

f. 27. 9th March 1703[-4]. An order reciting that the Corporation time out of mind has been instrumental and at great charges in making the river from Hull to Beverley, which

occasioned great trade and merchandise to be brought hither; and that they pay the Crown £4 a year for the cut through the Manor of Cottingham Richmond for ever; since which time the town of Kingston was built, and being better situated for commerce is grown rich and populous and has gained the trade from hence, Yet, being desirous to keep the River navigable this town was lately at two hundred pounds charge in opening and dressing the same, but yet unless care be yearly taken for cutting destroying and clearing weeds, dressing the "Barracade" and removing the sand bed from the Mill Scutt, the Beck or River will in a short time be grown up again.

Ordered that every vessel belonging to any Burgess or Freeman of this town that comes in or goes out of this River or Beck belonging to the Corporation with loading (the Market Boat excepted) shall pay upon demand; that is to say for every dozen sacks of "Synders" [blank].

For every chaldron of coales 1d.

For every last¹ of wheat rye barley beanes, pease, lintells or rapeseed 2d.

For every last of malt or oates 3 farthings; For every hundred of deales 1d.; For every thousand of bricks or tyles 1d.; For every tunn of any other goods 1d. and soe proportionably.

Every person not being a freeman or burgess double rates; and the small "hoyes" to pay three pence every time they come; Failure to pay, distraint under the Mayor's warrant, he to be indemnified by the Corporation; The profits to pay the £4 and the remainder towards the support of the Beck or as the Chamber orders.

15th May 1707. The penalty on a burgess refusing to accept the office of Alderman on being duly elected now fixed at £50.

5th June 1707. Election of an Alderman.

[This is the last entry in the handwriting of John Jackson who has made all entries since 1659].

f. 28. 16th December 1708. Benjamin Beilby (now residing within the town of Nottingham) elected an Alderman and Justice of the Peace, but on the

20th December 1708 he was discharged at his own request on payment of £30 fine.

27th December 1708. Richard Wilson residing at Malton, elected Alderman, but on the 28th September 1710 is allowed to resign on payment of £30 fine.

f. 29. 6th December 1712. Henry Spendlove appointed Clerk of the Peace and Court of Record in place of Francis Tadman deceased.

¹ 80 bushels.

5th August 1714. Sir Charles Hotham Bart. chosen Recorder in place of Edward Barnard deceased.

f. 30. 3rd February 1714[-15]. At a general assembly of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, Sir Charles Hotham Bart. and Sir Michael Warton Kt. were elected Burgesses to serve in the Parliament of 17th March next.

1st August 1718. Thomas Ribey of York elected an Alderman and Justice but on the 25th August he refused to accept and paid a fine of £30 of which £9 was returned to him.

28th August 1718. Robert Walker of Hull elected an Alderman, but "by reason of his inability of estate and having not qualified himself" is discharged and a reduced fine of £10 accepted.

f. 31. 15th February 1719[-20]. Thomas Wilberforce, Alderman, resigns, and is fined £10. 10. 0.

2nd June 1720. Robert Leadham elected Alderman. Refuses to accept and pays £50 fine.

f. 32. 30th March 1722. Sir Charles Hotham Bart. and Michael Newton Esq. elected to the Parliament of the 10th May 1722 to serve at their own costs and charges.

31st January 1722[-3]. Sir Charles Hotham Bart. elected to Parliament in the place of Sir Charles Hotham deceased.

18th August 1727. Charles Pelham Esq. and Ellerker Bradshaw Esq., elected to Parliament of 28th November 1727.

13th August 1723. Francis Boynton chosen Recorder in place of Sir Charles Hotham decd.

22nd August 1723. Henry Barratt, elected Alderman, refuses and pays £50 fine.

[The remainder of the entries in this part of the book consist mainly of records of the election and appointment of Aldermen, Recorders, Members of Parliament, Town Clerks, and other Officers. One or two cases of refusal to accept the office of Alderman occur, with fines of £30].

f. 47. 20th September 1770. Marmaduke Nelson was elected an Alderman and Justice of the Peace, which he declined to accept, and was fined £200, but on the 12th November accepted office.

f. 51. 25th September 1778. Robert Burton was fined and paid £100 for refusing to accept the office of Alderman.

f. 55. 18th September 1788. The resignation of Alderman William Waines accepted, he having served the town as Chamberman and Alderman for about 50 years,

f. 58. 11th July 1800. Richard Danby was disfranchised for stocking the Common Pastures of the town with cattle not his own.

f. 61. 1st August 1808. Ordered that in future all Fairs for Neat Cattle, and Sheep be held in Norwood from the pillars there eastward by the Watering Dike instead of opposite the dwelling houses.

2nd February 1810. A resolution to the effect that in arriving at the list of 26 Burgesses nominated by the Mayor and Aldermen annually out of whom the Burgesses and Commonalty elect 13 to be Capital Burgesses according to the Charter; the Mayor Elect, the Mayor, and then the Aldermen in order of seniority shall each nominate an equal number who shall then be voted on, and if this results in less than 26 names, each in turn in that order shall nominate one until the full number is made up.

[Amended on 27 September 1813 (*f.* 64*a*) and the order of choice reversed].

f. 63. 23rd July 1811. Resolved that in the election of an Alderman each Alderman may nominate one Burgess, then all shall be voted for at once and the Burgess receiving most votes, elected.

f. 67. 15th November 1819. Retirement of Robert Osborne, Recorder for 28 years, as a testimony of respect the Corporation continued his salary for his life and regret their financial inability to do more.

f. 68. The last entry in this part of the book, dated 3rd December 1821, records the appointment of Daniel Hall as Sergeant at Mace at a salary of ten guineas a year.

PART III

CORPORATION MINUTE BOOK, 1659-1707.

Corporation Minute Book, 6th October 1659 to 25th September 1707; paper, original parchment binding, 13½ by 9½, marked "Liber E," 374 leaves. Folios 108 to 298 have been extracted from the original volume and rebound in two volumes, viz., fos. 108 to 171 (1679 to 1687) and 172 to 298 (1687 to 1702). This Minute Book contains in very full detail a record of the proceedings of the Council. As the Corporation owned or managed a large amount of property, including that granted by Elizabeth for the upkeep of the Minster and St. Mary's Churches, much of the business was concerned with details of its administration. After the first few pages, therefore, only an abstract will be given of such items as do not occur frequently, which may be of interest, and sufficient to illustrate the activities of the Corporation.

[The entries from 6th October 1659 to 16th May 1660 were copied from the preceding Minute Book; the last pages of which were badly torn].

f. 1. 6th October 1659. Edward Grey, maior.

Auditors chosen. Mr. Waide, Mr. Newcome, Mr. Fotherbie, and Mr. Dunn; Abraham Burnitt, Edward Grey, Willm. Hunter, and Thomas Gossupp.

Audit day to bee kept upon Thursday next after St. John's Day next ensuing.

Pasture Masters for Westwood. Mr. Fotherby and Mr. Timothy Grey; Thomas Buck and Willm [*blank*]. For Figham, Mr. Coulson and Mr. Acklam; Rob. Richardson and Thomas Davidson. Swinemoor, Mr. Hudson and Mr. Stancliffe; Mr. Nelson and Mr. Davies.

Surveyors: Mr. Waid, Mr. Dunn and Mr. Millner, Mr. Davies, Abraham Burnitt and Edward Grey.

Sellers of Toll Corne. Mr. Billipe, Mr. Davies and Thomas Davison.

Toll letten this day unto Thomas Butler for the year now next ensueing for the rent of forty & four pounds payable in the week next after Whitsontide next & in the week before Michaelmas

day next by equall porcons; his suerties, Richard Harryman & Henry Gouldsbrough. The Corporation to give him a cloak. Edward Grey.

Trinities letten to Mr. Maior from Michas. day last for one whole year from thence next following, hee paying therefor the rent of 3li. 6s. 8d. at the end of the said terme Provided alwayes as is ordered for the same in Mr. Jno. Warter's Maioralty the 2nd of October 1617, that is, if it should please God to visit this towne with the plague of pestilence then this Corporacon to have the disposing of the same at their pleasure.

21st November [1659]. Ordered that Raph. Mansfeild taler, bee admitted burgesse, hee paying 50s. upon swearing & 50s. at Mayday next.

Willm. Moore. Ordered that Willm. Moore, one of the Serjeants at Mace, shall yearly have paid unto him twenty shillings during the pleasure of the Maior, Governors & Burgesses of the Councill Chamber, to bee paid quarterly by equall porcons, the first payment to bee made at Christmas next following.

Widdow Whiting. Ordered that Widdow Whiting shall have 40s. paid unto her towards the putting forth of one of her children apprentice unto Thomas Harryson.

15th December [1659]. Liveries. Ordered that the Officers have liveries as formerly.

Wine licences. Ordered the same day that the towne's licences for the year next ensuing bee granted unto Willm. Nussey & John Kellett.

Mr. Burney, Wednesday Lecturer. The same day it is taken into consideracon that Mr. Burney is the Wednesday Lecturer in St. Maries Church weekly & therefor hee, or some on his behalfe, shall discharge the same accordingly.

6th February [1659/60]. John Jackson chosen Clerk of the Councill Chamber. Edward Trippe, being Clerk to this Chamber, have this day surrendered into the hands of the Maior, Governors & Burgesses of this Towne the said Office of Clerkshipp to this Chamber & thereupon it is ordered by the Maior Governors & Burgesses now assembled that John Jackson, the Mace Bearer, shall have the said Office of Clerkshipp and shall have for his sallery six pounds thirteen shillings four pence yearly paid quarterly by equall porcons as formerly had; as also twenty six shillings eight pence yearly for ingrossing the towne's accounts & also such other fees as the said Edward Trippe formerly hadd. [Signed] Edw. Trippe.

Mr. Ferris. Ordered the same day that a letter bee sent to Mr. James Nelthorpe to London in order to the stopping of Mr. Ferris Augmentacon.

27th February [1659/60]. Leading of the Londiners' wares. Ordered that the leading of the Londinors' wares for the next Crosse Faire are lett unto Thomas Johnson, tanner, & John

Bovill, yeoman, for eleaven pounds provided they come to Mr. Maior's house upon Tuesday the 28th of February instant & enter bond to Abraham Burnitt for the payment of the said xii^{li} within one week next after Whitsonday next ensueing.

Minster Pewes. Ordered that Mr. Waid, Mr. Stancliffe, Mr. Acklam & Willm. Hunter, together with the Ministers & Churchwardens of St. Martins & St. Johns Parish, are impowered to sell all & every the pewes which are newly built in the Minster, and to give an account of their actings therein to this Chamber.

2nd Aprill 1660. Charter. Ordered that the Charter bee carried to York by Mr. Maior & that hee enter the same in the Sheriffe's Office at York. May the 8th. The same Charter brought into the Chamber againe.

Sir John Hotham Barronett & Colonell Sir Hugh Bethell Kt. were elected burgesses to serve in the next Parliament for this towne of Beverley by the Maior Governors & Burgesses then assembled & they the said Sir John Hotham & Sir Hugh Bethell did accept of the same & were sworne.

Francis Parker's wife. Ordered that one year's rent (to witt) 12s. bee paid unto Mr. Willm. Blount by tickett for one house within the Wood Lane in Beverley aforesaid wherein the wife of Francis Parker now liveth, in regard of her great povertie.

Gallyard shopp let unto Mr. Waid. Ordered that Gallyard shopp in the Londinors' street is letten unto Mr. Wm. Waide for 10 yeares from the Annunciacon of the Virgin Mary last past for the yearly rent of 4li. 13s. 4d. payable at Michls. and the Annunciacon of Mary by equall porcons & a lease to bee sealed at the next Meeting of the same & Mr. Waide to give security for performing the covenants of the said lease & to have allowed him towards the repairing of the said shopp one year's rent ended at Ladyday last & two years' rent more, to witt the 2 first yeares of the said terme of 10 yeares; covenants for repaires & paying assessments as in other leases.

16th Aprill 1660. Huntsman's house in Flemingate. Ordered that the Receivers doe re-enter upon the house wth the appurtenances in Flemingate lately demised unto Lawrence Booth, deceased and late in the occupacon of Christopher Huntsman, deceased, for nonpayment of one year's rent due the 25th of March last past.

Cawswayes in Catfosse laine. Ordered that Mr. Milner & James Bowman doe within one month next following digg upp and carry away those cawswayes being in a common laine called Catfoss laine upon the west side of Largate in Beverley aforesaid that carts & carriages may well pass through the same as formerlie And if in case that the said Mr. Milner & James Bowman shall not perform accordingle, then it is ordered that Wm. Bewick & Richard Farnam doe digg up the said cawswayes & that the said Willm. Bewick & Richard Farnam shall bee saved harmlesse by the Corporacon for so doing.

8th May 1660. Christopher Tadman chosen Clerk of the Record in place of Edward Trippe. This day Edward Trippe, the Townes Clerk of Record & Clerk of the Peace resigned his place upon condition that Christopher Tadman the younger may succeed him in his said place. It is therefor ordered by the Maior & Governors assembled that the said Christopher Tadman shall succeed him in his said places of Townes Clerk & Clerk of the Peace and thereupon sworne.

12th May 1660. At the Proclamation of the King. Ordered the same day that tenn shillings bee given to each Warden of every Company within this town to spend amongst them for the solemnization of this day; as also tenn shillings amongst the Constables of the said towne & five shillings to each Mezondewe for the same use; which said sums of money, as also what money shall bee expended by the Maior Governors & Burgesses upon the said occasion, shall bee paid by ticket.

16th May 1660. Mr. Ferris. Ordered that a letter bee sent to Sir John Hotham in order to bee presented to the Committee appointed by the Parliament to enquire after the King's Majesties revenue that so Mr. Ferris may bee called to an account for the sum of three score and six pounds which the said Mr. Ferris hath received within this towne due to the King's Majestie.

Ordered the same day that the said Mr. Ferris shall not from henceforth have a horsegaite in Westwood.

Mr. Recorder. Ordered the same day that Mr. Recorder doe pay unto the Receivers for the towne's use the sum of three pounds of lawfull English money for the towne's horse which dyed in his service.

f. 2. Willm. Sherwood. Ordered the same day that one and twenty shillings bee paid unto Willm. Sherwood for the maintaining a young woman who was prisoner in the towne's gaole for the space of one & twenty weekes & the said sum to bee paid by tickett.

Minster Pewes. Ordered the same day that the Corporacon's seale bee delivered to Mr. Waid, Mr. Stancliffe, Mr. Acklam & Willm. Hunter, & the said seale to passe to every assignment whereby the new pewes within the Minster are sold.

21st May 1660. Weights & Scales. Ordered that it is referred to Mr. Dunn & Mr. Milner, Abraham Burnit & Edward Grey, Receivers, to sett up scales & weights at the towne's charge in the Saturday Market place where they think most meet.

Minster plate & flagons. Ordered the same day that Mr. Maior doe deliver unto the Churchwardens of St. John & St. Martins the six pewther flagons & the two silver bowles wth silver covers which belong to the said Churches & have beene for severall yeares past in the towne's Chamber.

Jeremiah Hudson. Ordered the same day that Mr. Robert Bethell, Attorney, is appointed to be Attorney for Jeremiah Hudson in the sute comenced against him by Mr. Robt. Billipp concerninge the ground in Vickar Laine which is now in difference between them & the said Mr. Bethell to bee paid his fees & all other the charges of the said sute by this Corporacon.

7th June 1660. Mr. Sainthill chosen Head Vicar of the Minster and the Lecturer of St. Maries. Ordered that Mr. Humphrey Sainthill, Assistant at the Minster, is elected & chosen the head Vicar of the Minster & Lecturer of St. Maries in Beverley aforesaid in the place of Mr. James Burney late deceased and to officiate as the said Mr. Burney formerly did & to have for his paines yearly the sum of fiftie pounds to bee paid by tickett quarterly by equall porcons as the said Mr. Burney formerly hadd and also tenn pounds yearly being the same tenn pounds given by Doctor Metcalfe by his last will to bee also paid as Mr. Burney had it formerly paid, the executors of the said Mr. Burney to have part of the quarter's sallery which will be due at Midsomer next ensuing for soe long tyme as the said Mr. Burney lived (viz.) untill the 25th day of May last past, & the remainder of the said quarter's sallery to bee paid unto the said Mr. Sainthill at Midsomer aforesd & so to bee paid from thenceforth quarterly as the said Mr. Burney formerly hadd. And the said Mr. Sainthill to have a horsegate in Westwood during his head Vicar & Lecturer as aforesaid.

Samuell Pearson. The same day ordered that Samuell Pearson have 5¹¹ paid unto him for his present supply at Cambridge, hee being in great want (Doctor Tuckney haveing certified under his hand of the said Samuell Pearson's now residence in St. John's Colledge there). And also that the very words of Doctor Metcalfe's Will (concerninge what hee gives for the maintaining of schollers at Cambridge) bee sent up to the said Doctor Tuckney And if upon the same Doctor Tuckney doe certify that the said Samuell Pearson hath beene personally resident in the said Colledge according to the effect of the said will, then the said Samuell Pearson to have thirty three shillings four pence more paid unto him as the rest of his exhibicon due the 25th day of March last past.

Fee farme rent: Mr. Jeremiah Hudson. Ordered the same day that Mr. Jeremiah Hudson doe attend Mr. Pierchey, the treasurer at York, in order to the receiveing the fee farme rent due out of Moscroft tithes, as also for Mr. Sainthill's augmentacon.

Richard Stonas. Ordd. the same day that tenn shillings bee paid by tickett unto Richard Stonas for his present supplie in respect of his great necessitie.

12th June 1660. Michaell Warton Esqr. chosen Burgesse. By the Maior Governors & Burgesses then assembled Michaell Wharton of Beverley aforesaid Esquire was elected a burgesse to serve in the present Parliament in the place of Col. Sir Hugh

Bethell, Kt., who was elected a burgesse for this towne in the sd Parliament & appeared for Headon, & the said Michaell Warton doth accept of the same to serve upon the said termes which Sir John Hotham did undertake to serve, to witt at his owne charge.

Deputation to sweare Mr. Wharton burgesse. Ordered the same day that a deputacon bee sent under the seale of this Corporacon unto Sir John Hotham, Barronett & Colonell Sir Hugh Bethell Kt., to impower them to administer our Burgesse oath unto the said Michaell Wharton & also to send a coppie of the said oathe.

21st June 1660. Widdow Thompson's house let. Lease sealed. Ordered that the house with the appurtenances lying on the East side of Largate in Beverley aforesaid now in the occupacon of Frances Thompson, widdow, is lett unto the said Frances for 14 yeares from the 25th day of March last past, shee casting in her old lease rendering 5s. rent per annum at Mychelmas & Ladyday; the said Frances to bee at all repaires & pay all assessments & other covenants as in other leases; the said Frances to give sufficient security for performing covenants; the said Frances to have a lease sealed accordingly the next meeting, provided shee give security accordingly & pay 4^{li} more upon the sealing the said lease, shee haveing paid in hand xxs.

Leases to bee lett within four yeares. Ordered the same day that all such lands & tenements belonging to this towne as are within four yeares of expiring their lease at Ladyday last past shall bee letten to the immediate tennants or to any other person who will take the same, the said immediate tennant or tennants first refusing, in respect of extraordinary repaires this year & this order to hold firme untill the 29th day of September next ensueing & noe longer.

Tho. Plaxton's house letten to Mrs. Johnson, lease sealed. Ordered the same day and year that all that tenement in occupacon of Thomas Plaxton with the appurtenances, as also that shopp & 2 chambers next adjoyning wth the appurtenances late in the occupacon of John Fox is letten unto Mrs. Margaret Johnson for 21 yeares from 25th of March last past the said Mrs. Johnson to cast in her old lease of the said premisses, for annuall rent of xls. payable at Michelmas & Ladyday by equall porcons as formerly, the said Mrs. Johnson to repair & pay assessmts & covenants as in other leases & to give sufficient security for performance of covenants, paying for a fine 40^{li} upon the sealing of the lease, the said lease to bee sealed at the next meeting.

Fee farme rents presented to His Maiesty. Ordered the same day that all our fee farmes amounting to 75^{li} per annum or therabout bee presented to the King's Maiesty by the hands of Sir John Hotham and Mr. Warton, who are desired to draw upp an addresse in the name of this Corporacon to His Maiestie and to present the same.

25th June 1660. Rudderforth's house in the Dings to Willm. Wood. Lease sealed. Ordered that the house with the appurtenances in the Dings now in the occupacon of Willm. Wood, barber, is letten unto the said Willm. Wood to hold from 25th of March last past for 21 yeares, rent per annum 13s. 4d. due at Michelmas & 25th of March by equall porcons & performing covenants as in other leases, the said Willm. to throw in his old lease of the same premisses & paying 8^{li} upon sealing the said lease & other 8^{li} (in all 16^{li} for a fine to bee paid) to bee paid 1st of August next ensuing, giveing bond with security for the same, as also to give sufficient security for performing covenants.

Corner house &c. letten to John Johnson, butcher. Ordered the same day that all that tenement with the appurtenances, being the corner house in the Butcher Row nigh unto St. Maries in Beverley, late in the occupacon of Willm. Johnson, butcher, & now in the occupacon of John Johnson, butcher, together with one cottage in the Wood Lane wth the appurtenances, is letten unto the said John Johnson for 21 yeares from 25th of March last past rendering rent of xxiiis. per annum payable at Michelmas & Annunciacon of Mary by equall porcons & performing covenants as in other leases; the said John Johnson to throw in his old lease and to pay for a fine 16^{li} viz. 8^{li} upon sealing a new lease & to give security for the paying 8^{li} upon the 1st of August next ensuing & to give sufficient security for performing covenants in the new lease.

[*Marginal Note.*] This agreed by John Johnson to be granted to Sarah his mother & Robt. Johnson, his brother, & is donn accordingly. Lease sealed Jan. 3rd.

[The first two folios are given verbatim. Henceforth only an abstract of selected items is printed, leases of property, which occur frequently, being usually omitted].

f. 3. John Burtham's house and also a tenement occupied by John Johnson, draper, both in the Dings, Saturday market, let to John Burtham for 21 years; rent 25/- per annum; fine £30 on sealing a new lease. John Johnson to have a lease from Burtham of his house for the same term at the rent of 50/- per annum, he to pay assessments.

10th September 1660. Fishing in Swinemoor and Figham. Former order giving liberty for any burgess to set 3 nets in Figham and Swinemoor to take fish made null and void. The said fishing is let to John Dixon and John Gyles for a year at a rent of £3. 6. 8.

The "paintisse" [pent-house] over Sowe hill well, being blown down, to be repaired.

If Robt. Stevenson, who hath taken his house of this Chamber, do not stand to his bargain then henceforth he shall not be employed about any of the town's work.

f. 4. 3rd October 1660. In Mr. Edward Grey the elder, his Mayoralty, Audit day; Auditors (4 Aldermen and 4 Burgesses); Sellers of Toll Corn (one Alderman and two Burgesses); Pasture Masters (two Aldermen and two Burgesses for each Pasture); and Surveyors (three Aldermen and three Burgesses) chosen for the year.

Toll let to Thos. Butler for the year for £44; the Corporation to give him a cloak.

6th October 1660. The pensions of Francis Richardson's widow, Robt. John Taylor and James Black not to be paid henceforth.

The Trinities again let to the Mayor for a year. Rent £3. 6. 8, with the same proviso as to the plague as formerly (see *f.* 1).

Five pounds gratuity paid to Mr. Edward Norris, Master of Arts.

Hedon: Charter: Mr. Waide, Mr. Acklam, Mr. Richardson and Mr. Davies shall go to Hedon about preventing the fortnight fair and to have the Charter of the 4th of King Charles with them, also the 99 years' lease of the toll and the other 21 years' lease of the King.

The "Averidge" of Mr. Winton's Close let to Mr. Recorder for 7 years from 29th September to 2nd February and so from Michaelmas to Candlemas for 6 years. Rent 4d.; fine £3. 6. 8.

11th October 1660. John Jackson, Clerk to this Chamber, shall go to the Sheriff in order to his summoning a Jury to attend the business at Hedon next Monday about the Writ of *ad quod damnum*¹. Mr. Waide and three others to attend the business, and that they do treat the Jurors summoned from Harthill, and also the Sheriff at the town's charge, and take the Charter and leases with them as before.

The deeds of Fletcher's lands, and also the deed of 23 Elizabeth for choosing an Assistant and Minister at the Minster, delivered to the Mayor.

That 40/- be given to Mr. Geo. Lamplugh in regard to his great necessity, the same to be paid by ticket unto the Mayor for his use.

29th October 1660. The town's Charter of King Charles; Queen Elizabeth's grant for the Assistant money; the 99 years' lease of the toll and Fletchers' deed brought into the Chamber by the Mayor.

Mr. Waide and others ordered to attend again at Hedon next Monday to treat the Jurors from Harthill.

12th November 1660. Mr. Waide who has in his hands £38. 8. 0 on account of the pews in the Minster is ordered to pay that amount to the town's receiver next Thursday.

The Corporation are to bear the charge of the pew for the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen; and allow £30 for that pew, the

¹ See "Hedon: Charter:" above.

pulpit, and the Minister's pew; and when all the pews are sold and the work finished if there be any surplus it shall be paid back proportionately to the purchasers.

f. 5. Alderman Forge and two others are joined to the gentlemen appointed for managing the business of the pews and desired to sell those still unsold and to get the work finished.

Ordered the same day that the common soldiers for this town have paid unto them eight pence a day.

26th November 1660. Capt. Edwd. Grey to go to London about the business at Hedon; about soldiers' arrears, and other business.

5th December 1660. The Sergeants, town's cook and town's overseer to have liveries as formerly. [16th December—this order annulled].

3rd January 1660[-1]. Wine licences for the year granted to Mrs. Peace Cockrill and M^{rs}. Mary Swales.

Each of the waits to have 18/- to buy coats which they must wear and put the town's badge on them as usual.

17th January 1660[-1]. The business concerning the "Vicaridge" of St. Maries, touching Mr. Osgodby and Mr. Pawson to be managed at the charge of the Corporation.

Francis Sherwood, Schoolmaster of the free school in Beverley is chosen Assistant at the Minster, and to have for his pains £16 yearly.

31st January 1660[-1]. Mr. Jeremiah Hudson and the Chamber Clerk to attend at York with the town's Charter to enter with the Sheriff; and also to attend Mr. Parker with the Bill of Exchange procured by Sir Hugh Bethell for our brewsters' money.

All the pews in the Minster that are unsold shall be nailed up forthwith.

28th February 1660[-1]. The leading of Londoners' wares next Cross Fair let to Thomas Johnson and John Bovell for £10.

f. 6. 8th June 1661. The town's solicitor instructed to sue out a new writ of ad quod damnum about the business of Hedon.

29th July 1661. At a general assembly of the Mayor, Governors, and Burgesses held in the Guildhall it is ordered that the controversy depending betwixt Mr. Mayor and the Governors of this towne of the one part and the burgesses of the said towne on thother part (viz.) whether the affaires of this towne ought to be managed only by the Maior and twelve Governors or by the Maior Governors and Burgesses bee referred to the judgement and determination of S^r John Hotham Barronet and Michaell Warton Esquire the two Burgesses in Parliament for this town as also S^r Thomas Remington Kt. and Durand Hotham Esquire.

Thomas Johnson, Mayor.

f. 7. 17th October 1661. At a general meeting before Mr. Mayor the Governors and Burgesses. The annual appointment of Auditors, Pasture Masters, Surveyors, etc.

John Jackson to go to York to enter the deeds concerning the purchase of Fletcher's lands with the Auditor; as also for the payment of moneys due to His Majesty and for receiving of moneys for the ministers at the Minster.

20/- paid to Thomas Harrison for the work of the new pulpit in the Minster. 10/- paid to the Town Clerk and Chamber Clerk for ingrossing and returning the duplicate for the poll money.

Paul Pashmore appointed a Wait in place of Saml Newton, clerk, at the same salary.

11th November 1661. Whereas the Mayor has received a letter from the Commissioners concerning the Act of Benevolence for summoning all persons residing in this town to appear at the Guildhall to subscribe what they and also the town will voluntarily give unto His Majesty; ordered that the Mayor Governors and Burgesses appear before the Commissioners and offer to pay £50 out of the town's Revenues.

28th November 1661. All leases with only $4\frac{1}{2}$ years in being to be let to such as will take them, on the 5th December next.

Any person inhabiting within the town who is not of any [fraternity deleted] handicraft trade shall be admitted a burgess of this town on paying a fine of £10.

f. 8. 5th December 1661. The Bellman to give notice in Saturday market place, next Saturday, that any person bringing corn or other goods upon horse back into either of the Market Places shall set such corn upon the Market hill and immediately take his horse into some stable or backside upon pain of 12d. for every offence, or else the officer shall take the horse into the common fold until the fine is paid; and the Sergeants are hereby authorised to execute this order.

Mr. Jackson [Chamber Clerk] to have a new gown, he having had his present one 4 years; and the officers to have liveries this year, as they had not any last year.

16th December 1661. 49/- paid to Jonathan Tute at Cambridge, he being about to take his degree of Bachelor of Arts.

The Mayor authorised to give the burgess oath to six named persons for £5 each notwithstanding any former order [see *f. 7*].

1st February 1661[-2]. Leading of Londoners' wares for next Cross Fair let for £10.

The Common Pastures of the town to be "laid" every year from Candlemas to 3rd May, and no cattle to be depastured during that time.

f. 9. The town's wine licences for the year let to Mrs. Mary Smales and John Kellett.

Thomas Awther granted an Exhibition of £6. 13. 4 at Cambridge according to Dr. Metcalf's will. [Later]. The said Thomas being examined by Mr. Pawson is not judged fit for the University as yet.

Fishing in Swinemoor and Figham to be let to a "farmer" and no person to take fish there without licence under pain of 20/-.

A burgess admitted, fine £5; another for £6. 13. 4 provided the Warden of the Joiners signify the consent of the Trade to admit him into brotherhood.

The two Receivers with the Overseers of the Poor for St. Martin's Parish are to provide a habitation for John Clark and his family, and also for Benjamin Mizzen; and Thomas Barnabas to have 12d. per week for his maintenance during his imprisonment.

Every person who shall buy any thack or brick to be landed at the Beck shall pay $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per 100 of thack and 1d. per 1000 of brick; to be employed only for cleansing the way near the Beck.

William Dunne, Mayor.

f. 10. 2nd October 1662. Mr. Chr. Tadman to have 20/- for attending the Commissioners for regulating Corporations and making warrants for the chimney money, etc.

12th October 1662. [10 Governors and 11 Burgesses present]. The grants and evidences of the town's lands delivered to the Mayor to be shewn to Mr. Bland, his Majesty's Receiver.

Elias Pawson, Bachelor in Divinity, chosen Preaching Minister and Lecturer for the town in the place of Mr. Humphrey Sainthill. Salary £50 with the £10 given by Dr. Metcalf's will in addition; also a horse gate in Westwood.

Chr. Lamplugh granted one of Dr. Metcalf's exhibitions of £6. 13. 4 at St. John's College, Cambridge.

f. 11. 30th October 1662. Peter Rysom appointed a "Wate" of the town at the usual salary; provided he pays £5 and is sworn a burgess.

Lawrence Knowles, the town "Bedell" is deprived of his yearly salary of 40/- and if he continue in his office is to have yearly a coat and also 4d. for every person that he shall whip.

10th November 1662. Five persons to be sworn burgess, they having each paid 20/- down and to give bond for two further payments of 40/- each.

The Pasture Masters of Swinemoor and Figham ordered to pull up all nets found there and deposit them in the gaol.

13th November 1662. The Surveyors to report upon all leases of the town's lands falling in within 4 years so that they may be let in order to raise money to supply the wants of this Corporation.

A burgess sworn for a fine of £6. 13. 4.

f. 12. 20th November 1662. Four tenements let for 21 years; Fines totalling £64. 13. 4. The "averidge" of Mr. Gee's closes in Norwood sold to him for £14. Two burgesses sworn £6. 13. 4 and £5.

24th November 1662. Five "mets" of coals and ten pence in turves to be supplied weekly to the watchmen for fires when keeping watch in five wards according to an order of the Deputy Lieutenants.

House and close in Flemingate let—£4 rent; fine £20.

An old order dated 31st August 1609 [see Great Order Book *f.* 4] for the levying of 10/- a week against any person in this town who trades anything not being a burgess be put into execution against John Wright, blacksmith, who is an inhabitant and trades among us not being a burgess, and contemptuously refuseth to be; and that a warrant be issued out by Mr. Mayor to levy the said 10/- weekly and executed by the Common Sergeant at Mace and the Constables of Saturday Market.

The same order also against Edward Harrison and another, but made void on the 8th January 1662[-3].

4th December 1662. The officers of the town are indemnified for levying the 10/- weekly upon the goods of Edward Harrison.

The said Edward Harrison, cordiner, sworne a burgess on paying 10/- and to have allowed the 10/- levied on his goods; he having served 7 years' apprentice in the town.

f. 13. The Mayor authorised to bargain with John Wright and others as to their freedoms.

15th December 1662. A warrant issued against Francis Wilson, furrier, to levy 10/- a week for trading in contempt, not being a burgess.

Six new burgesses sworn; five at £5 and one apprentice for 20/-.

Referred to Mr. Clark and others with St. Martin's Churchwardens to see the pillars and other parts of the Minster interior dressed and beautified according to the Bishop's Chancellor's order; this to be done at the charge of the Corporation.

16/- each paid for the clothing of six children who are to be put forth apprentices within St. Martin's Parish.

8th January 1662[-3]. Frances Wilson has now sued out his freedom, so the former order made null and void.

Two new burgesses at £5 by deferred payments; and one, Henry Stanley, a tobacco pipe maker, at £6. 13.4 upon giving bond with two sureties in £50 that neither he nor his wife nor children shall be chargeable to the town.

John Masterman senr., John jnr., and Wilfred, at their own request, given until 24th June to remove themselves and their families out of the town or else take out their freedoms.

12th January 1662[-3]. The town's licences for drawing wine for the year let to Mary Smailes and John Kellet.

f. 14. 2nd February 1662[-3]. Permission given to two persons to dig clay for making pots in Swinemoor on payment of 20/- each for the year.

Simeon Whittaker, clothier, sworn burgess, fine £6. 13. 4.

John Wright, milner, to be fined 10/- weekly for trading until he either leave the town or make himself a burgess.

Clothing for four apprentices 15/- each and other four 10/- each paid to eight persons with whom apprentices have been put by the town.

Leading Londoners' wares for next Cross Fair let for £10.

9th March 1662[-3]. The town Surveyors ordered to set workmen on to do what is yet undone for the repair and beautifying the Minster as ordered by the Bishop's Chancellor, no other persons to interfere; and that the Clerk go to York to explain the case to the Bishop as between the Corporation and the Churchwardens of St. Martins.

23rd March 1662[-3]. The Clerk to prefer an Indictment at York against the overseers of Cowick for not providing for John Norris and his family.

£1. 6. 8 paid for setting up the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the ten Commandments in the Minster Chancel.

The town's Arms in Mr. Davies' custody ordered to be sold.

f. 15. 23rd April 1663. The deed of purchase of Fletcher's lands delivered to the Jurors for finding out concealed lands for His Majesty to defend on the town's part as to the parcels that the said deed contains.

Mr. Robert Norman to have £1. 6. 8 for several cures made on poor persons; also 4/- to Mary Richmond for curing a boy's head.

11th May 1663. The Churchwardens of St. Martins summoned to attend this Chamber to hear the Mayor give an account of the Archdeacon's opinion concerning the King's Arms lately set up in the Minster by them without an order from the Surveyors.

The Mayor authorised to pull down any upholsterer's tent or booth set up in any place during fair time except such as the Mayor may appoint; and the letting of upholsterer's standings during the fair refused to Mr. Davison and two others.

f. 16. 18th May 1663. Mr. Robt. Bethell is continued as the town's Solicitor, and admitted a burgess on payment of £5.

The town's Surveyors authorised to arrange for setting up the King's Arms in the Minster.

f. 17. 4th June 1663. William Ward appointed Market Keeper at a salary of 40/- yearly "and other benefits" as formerly, upon performing the following rules, viz.;—

1. "Dress" the Wednesday market place and gutters and carry away the dirt as often as needful.

2. The same in Saturday market place; and also the Butchers' Shambles and Fish Shambles.

3. The same in Cornhill; and all other things belonging to the office as formerly.

One of Dr. Metcalf's Exhibitions of £6. 13. 4 granted to — Johnson, he being now student in St. John's College, Cambridge, until another person be fit for the University.

22nd June 1663. Mr. Wm. Wise, the Recorder, who was permitted to have two horsegaits in Westwood, recently sold one horse yet permitted the buyer to put it in Westwood as if it were the Recorder's, now therefore in future the said Recorder is only allowed one horsegait, and that for his own horse, and only to go there yearly between 3rd May and 2nd February.

All persons who were fined or amerced in the Mayoralty's of Mr. Grey and Mr. Johnson [the former two] in the Cort Leet and Baron holden in and for this town to be summoned to attend a meeting to pay the said fines and amerciaments, and upon refusal the Mayor to grant warrants to levy the same.

That for the Constables' copies of bills for "mens estates" and also for chimneys viz. 10 wards, 20/- be paid to the Constables of each ward which they have disbursed, and that the Constables of each ward have two watching bills bought, and the brand of the Corporation fixed upon them.

That the Mayor and as many Governors and Burgesses as be here attend at 5 o'clock this afternoon to search the town's writings; and as many of them as can clear the town's lands claimed for the King be carried to the jury of inquest to that purpose by the Jurors who are members of this Chamber.

24th June 1664 [*sic*]. Queen Elizabeth's patent for the Minster lands; and Fletcher's deed to be sent to the jury for discovering of Crown lands concealed.

f. 18. 6th July 1663. Robt Richardson, yeoman, to have 15/- for clothing Thomas Clayton who is put apprentice with him by the Overseers of St. Martins parish, provided he sign the counterpart of the Indenture.

13th July 1663. Two new burgesses—one £5 and the other, a draper, £10.

The Clerk to go to Lord Dunbarr next Friday to satisfy him concerning the immunities granted by patent to this Corporation, to prevent inconveniences at next maudlin fair.

20th July 1663. Ordered that this town's Charter be forthwith renewed, and that Capt. Edward Grey, a Governor, and John Jackson, Clerk to this Chamber, go to London to undertake this work at the town's charge.

23rd July 1663. Instructions given to Capt. Grey and

John Jackson for their direction at London in order to the renewing the town's Charter.

1. Concerning the power & choice of the 13 burgesses, that at the humble supplication of the Maior, Governors & Burgesses for the better ordering of the towne it bee granted that the same day the Maior is elected that hee & the Governors present, or in his absence the old Maior, shall nominate 26 burgesses to the body of the burgesses assembled, who out of them shall at the same tyme chuse 13 who shall in all elections making or confirming lawes represent the body & act in all things they are by the Charter capacitated to act for the year next ensuing, & these to take the oathes accustomed.

2. That the fines before them as Justices of Peace bee granted to the towne by apt words.

3. That in case the Maior elected bee absent at the tyme of his elecon & doe not upon reasonable notice come & take his office but withdraw himselfe so that the penalty of imprisonment cannot according to the Charter bee inflicted on him that then by so doing he shall be *ipso facto* disfranchised & pay 50^{li} fine, or in any case where either by voluntary absence or refusal to execute the office, there bee no new Maior, that the old Maior continue in till a new elecon can bee had, which is not to bee put of above one month.

4. That none bee chosen to bee Maior but such as is a Governor.

5. Concerninge the death of the Mayor, that the eldest Governor then in towne shall call the towne together to chuse a new Maior within 4 daies.

6. That the Maior shall take the oath of a Corroner & Clark of the Market before the Governors when he is sworn Maior.

7. That every person before hee bee admitted a Freeman shall take the oath accustomed before the Maior.

Inquiries concerning the same thing.

1. To inquire the best way to but and bound the liberties.

2. To crave to keepe Quarter Sessions for our owne liberties & none to intermeddle within us.

Rules for Charter renewing. Ordered the same day that the Instrucons abovementioned as also on the other side of this leafe bee rules for Capt. Grey & John Jackson in order to their business at London as to renewing the Charter.

Ordered the same day that the same Capt. Grey & John Jackson doe proceed upon the same instrucons in order to the aforesaid businesse & not otherwise & that they have a coppie of the same under the hands of Mr. Maior, the Governors & Burgesses & that they are to give a weekly intimacon by letters to the Maior, Governors & Burgesses of their proceedings therein & what of the aforesaid particulars are granted & what not ere they bee ingrossed & according to the Maiors Governors & Burgesses' answers

to such letters they to proceed, & that the said persons doe set forward their journey at their best & soonest convenience & the whole charge of the journey & affaires in this behalfe to bee at the charge of this Corporacon; & further that the Charter of the 4th of King Charles bee by them carried to London the same tyme.

Ordered the same day that letters be writ to Sir John Hotham & Mr. Warton for their assistance in the business of renewing our Charter.

All the orders & instruccons consented unto & signed by the Maior Governors & Burgesses.

Willm Dunne, Maior, Edward Grey, Edwd. Grey, Thomas Johnson, Tho. Clarke, George Davies, Stephen Goakman, Thomas Davison, John Bovell, John Sugden, Mark Worthy, John Graybarne, [mark], George Duke, [mark], Thomas Dunn, Thomas Spavin, Henry Ringrose, James Graybarne, Chr. Tadman, Richard Graybarne.

f. 19. 17th August 1663. Capt. Edward Grey and John Jackson to take £60 to London towards the renewing of the Charter, and as much money from time to time as they shall have occasion, and the Corporation will repay the same.

Ralph Simpson to have 5/- to supply his present necessity.

31st August 1663. Two leases renewed for 21 years at the "antient rent"; fines £4 and £50.

9th September 1663. The Mayor and two others to go to York tomorrow to treat with Mr. Warton concerning the caveat entered at London against the renewing of the Charter.

12th September 1663. John Hardy elected and sworn one of the Attorneys of this town's Court of Record in the place of John Maddison, decd.

f. 20. 16th September 1663. Henry Allen to go to Cornbury to make affidavit of the serving of an order on Michael Warton, Esq., at Manton the 15th instant from my Lord Chancellor to give his reasons why the Charter of Beverley should not pass within 6 days after notice given him, and if my Lord Chancellor be removed he to follow him; and in case the Charter cannot pass to return home before the election of the new Mayor the 25th instant and bring the old Charter with him.

19th September 1663. Bond for £60 sealed for the payment of £30 to George Davie on the 22nd November next with consideration from the 22nd August after six pounds per cent.

Another bond for £22 to repay £11, and one for £40 to repay £20 at 6 per cent.

23rd September 1663. Thomas Botteler [? Butler, the lessee of the toll] indemnified for distraining a pack of wool for non-payment of a halfpenny a stone duty.

Two persons employed for the purpose indemnified in respect of a writ served upon them for taking to the common fold divers sheep of Edwd. Johnson of Bishop Burton found depasturing in Westwood that ought not to depasture there.

f. 21. 26th September 1663. The Charter of the 4th of King Charles the first and the new Charter of the 15th of King Charles the second brought into the Chamber by Capt. Grey and John Jackson.

28th September 1663. William Dunne, Mayor, was sworn Mayor according to the new Charter.

1st October 1663. Bond for payment of £10 to Chr. Tadman which was lent towards renewing the Charter.

John Jackson paid £5 for his pains about renewing the Charter.

Thomas Davison, Mayor.

f. 22. 8th October 1663. The annual meeting for the appointment of Auditors, Pasture Masters. Toll let to John Butler for £40, and a letter of Attorney sealed authorising him to collect it. Cloth for a cloak given to him.

An inquisition of what goods John Jefferson had on his conviction for felony being brought in at £1. 18. 11 it was ordered that the goods (except a lease of certain land valued at 2d.; one boat and 9 nets valued at 2/-) be returned to him provided he pay £1. 16. 9 tonight to the Corporation.

2nd November 1663. Bonds of £80 for payment on 30th April of £40 to John Bovell and £40 for £20 to John Sugden, sealed, being sums shown to be owing to them on the last Audit day.

f. 23. 30th November 1663. The new Charter to be taken to York to be entered with the Sheriff.

14th December 1663. Timothy Browne, Sergeant at Mace, to have 20/- yearly salary paid quarterly; also the two Sergeants at Mace, and the town's cook to have new liveries this year and yearly in future.

Mr. Jackson [Chamber Clerk] to have a new gown.

28th December 1663. The Mayor, 2 Governors and 2 Burgesses, with the Clerk, to have the grants of 21 and 27 Elizabeth to take the examination thereof in order to satisfy the jury of inquest for concealed lands of all such rents as are charged upon this town.

Wine licences for the year again granted to Mary Smales and John Kellet.

1st February 1663[-4]. 15/- each for clothing of two Parish Apprentices granted; one of them a girl, Ann Smith, apprenticed to Mr. Thos. Milner.

40/- paid to Peter Bewell out of the fines of John Jefferson, John Taler and Rebecca Newell for making a riotous assault upon him.

f. 24. 21st March 1663[-4]. Leading of Londoners' wares for next Cross Fair let to John Bovell for £10.

Lease of a Close renewed for 21 years at the ancient rent; fine £41.

£6 yearly granted to Mr. Elrington in respect of his late sufferings for His Majesty, to continue during the pleasure of the Corporation.

40/- yearly pension granted to Ann Green, as her mother Julian Horsley formerly had given her, in respect of her poverty and age.

10/- given to John Fox in part payment of a woman at Hull for curing a sore leg of Jacob Johnson.

William Stout appointed Common Cryer of the town; to have a coat and the common fees of a bellman upon any employing him, viz. 2d. for a burgess and 4d. for a stranger.

20/- yearly pension granted to Matthew Falkiner, a maimed soldier in the service of his late Majesty.

20th April 1664. John Jackson, Clerk to the Corporation, to go to York to attend Mr. Bland, the King's Receiver, to give an account of the town's intentions not to sell any part of those lands called Fletcher's, and to request him to admit the Corporation tenants to those parcels of land found the King's upon the last inquest which were purchased as Fletcher's, and to endeavour to buy off the town on as reasonable terms as he can as to those arrears of rent which he demands for his majesty.

Fishing and fowling in Figham and Swinemoor let to Capt. Edward Grey for 3 years at £4 a year.

f. 26. 22nd August 1664. The work now on foot at the Minster to be carried on by the town's Surveyors at the charge of the Corporation.

12th September 1664. John Jackson, Clerk, to attend at Pocklington Sessions for the East Riding at the hearing of an Indictment against this town concerning the highways.

Robert Norman, Mayor.

f. 27. 6th October 1664. Annual meeting for the Election of officers.

The toll and weighing of wool let to Willm. Butler for £46.

f. 28. 10th October 1664. Hereafter no "ticket" be assigned for payment of money for work done appointed by the Surveyors except by the Mayor or two Governors being Surveyors.

No burgess in future to have above two horses or four cows, or one horse and two cows, or other goods (except swine), depasturing in Westwood betwixt latter Lady Day in September and Candlemas Day. Upon pain of 3/4 for every horse or cow above that number.

Ordered that the twelve Governors before the 25th October each procure a gown and appear in the same every Sabbath and Court Day and other days of meeting, at the Church in the Mayor's pew, and at the Town's Hall upon other occasions in their gowns in a decent and orderly manner as heretofore hath been accustomed. Penalty 5/-.

18th October 1664. That all the lands lately purchased as Fletcher's lands be sold to Mr. Bland, His Majesty's Receiver for this County, at the price paid for them by the Corporation, and that the Mayor, Mr. Recorder, and Mr. Dunne attend him to bargain accordingly.

f. 29. 10th November 1664. Pensions formerly granted to Richard Dawson, as a maimed soldier in the Parliament service and to Robt. Clippindell of 20/- each, "taken of."

The yearly salary of Francis Sherwood, schoolmaster of this town, now £26. 13. 4 reduced by half to £13. 6. 8.; and he at his own charge to provide an Usher for the school as formerly.

Wm. Coulson, one of the Receivers of the town, having paid to the two Receivers in Mr. Dawson's Mayoralty £45 which they disbursed more than they received, a bond with the town's seal is given to him for that amount with interest at the 6 months ending 27th April next.

f. 30. 21st November 1664. Six livery cloaks such as Sir Francis Cobb, High Sheriff of the County gives, ordered to be sent in with the High Sheriff at the next Assizes and to be given to Henry Allen and five other [named] persons.

The pension of 20/- to Robt. Clippindell, a maimed soldier in the King's Army, restored to him to begin next Christmas Sessions; also the 40/- pension of Ann Green taken off, as she is now an inmate of Fox's Hospital in Minstermoorgate.

f. 31. Mr. John Fotherby, once Mayor, granted yearly a pension of 50/- in respect of his poverty.

Capt. Edward Grey is desired to take care to get a new inscription in brass upon the stone over the grave of St. John of Beverley in memorial of the reliques of the bones of St. John, at the Corporation's charge.

23rd March 1664[-5]. Leading of Londoners' wares next Cross fair let for £10; and if a less quantity of goods comes this year than came last year the Chamber to consider thereof.

A new burgess sworn for £6. 13. 4.

13th April 1665. An indictment preferred against the Parishioners of St. John's at the last Country Sessions for not repairing the highway between Manton Gate and Hulbridge ordered to be traversed and prosecuted at the Corporation's charge.

f. 32. 15th April 1665. At a meeting of the Mayor and 10 Governors, the Burgesses being absent.

Mr. Benjamin Haywood elected Attorney of the Court of Record for the town in the place of Mr. John Hardy decd. Provided that if at any time he procure any writ of habeas corpus or other writ by which any cause may be removed out of the said Court, then he shall be displaced of the said office.

15th May 1665. The Glovers to have a copy of their Orders as registered in the town's book.

28th June 1665. The £10 agreed for leading Londoners' wares at the last Cross fair abated by 40/- in consideration of the little quantity of goods that came.

To prevent plague. Ordered that it is agreed by the sd Maior & Governors that Mr. Dunn & Mr. Todd for without Northbarr Ward doe use their best endeavours at all tymes & from tyme to tyme to see that the watch & ward both there & within North barr bee duly kept in order to a prevention of the danger of infection of the plague & for keeping out strangers & also thevs out of the towne who are dangerous in that particular & that Mr. Grey, senr. & Mr. Grey, junr. doe likewise look to the Wards of Norwood & Tollgavell Wards, as also Mr. Davies & Mr. Goakman for Newbegin & Saturday Market Ward, Mr. Johnson & Mr. Nelson for Wednesday Market & Kelgate Wards & Mr. Clarke & Mr. Newcome for Flemingate & Beckside & that if any person of this towne who shall hereafter come home from London or any other place infected, either against the knowledge of the sd Maior & Governors or otherwise, that they bee forthwith shut up in their houses respectively for a certaine tyme according to the discretion of the sd Maior & Governors.

24th July 1665. Plague. Ordered the same day that if any innkeeper or ale house keeper within this towne shall at any tyme hereafter give entertainment unto any person or persons comeing or which shall come & resort to this towne other than inhabitants of this place from any place whatsoever before they give notice thereof unto Mr. Maior for the tyme being or any two Governors & also a good accompt of their business & that they are without any danger of infection with the plague of pestilence that then every such innkeeper or alehouse keeper shall forfeit & pay for every offence contrary to this order forty shillings to be levied by distresse of the goods of such offender, & in case noe distress can be had, then the offender to bee imprisoned during the pleasure of the Maior and major part of the Governors, & also that such offender shall of his charge maintayne & keepe such person & persons who shall be soe dangerous.

f. 33. Further Orders. Ordered the same day that all masters of families or other housekeepers within this towne shall at all tymes hereafter & from tyme to tyme give notice unto Mr. Maior for the tyme being or two Governors of this towne in writing under his or her hand of all & every such person or persons as shall at any tyme hereafter fall sick within any of their families & also of their distemper as nigh as they cann, & that within six houres after such person or persons shall fall sick, upon paine of every master of family or housekeeper offending contrary to this order for every offence the sum of five pounds to be levied upon his or their goods by warrant from Mr. Maior for the tyme being, & in case noe such distress can be had & taken as aforesaid, then such offender or offenders to bee imprisoned during the pleasure of the Mayor & major part of Governors.

Ordered the same day that if any person or persons within this towne doe at any tyme hereafter raise any false reports of & concerning any person or persons within this towne who are suspected to bee infected with the plague of pestilence or other person whatsoever concerning the same, unlesse hee or they cann bring forth a author that then every person offending shall bee bound by recognisance with suerties to the next Sessions & in the interim to bee of good behaviour & in case they shall refuse so to doe that then they bee committed to the gaol untill they appear or give such suerties.

Watch & ward. Ordered the same day that the master of every family within this towne in his owne person or by some other sufficient person to bee approved by the Alderman of the Ward where such person lives doe from henceforth keepe watch & ward within this towne during such tyme as it shall please Almighty God to continue his hand upon us, & also that one Alderman & a Burgesse with Constables doe ride or walke every night and day throughout this towne to see that due watch & ward bee kept upon paine of each Governor offending for every offence 10s. and every other person offending 5s. to bee levied upon their severall goods by warrant from Mr. Maior for the tyme being; & that forasmuch as the 10 Wards within this towne are divided into 5 watches it is likewise ordered that two out of every watch doe keepe watch at Mrs. Cockerell's house in Trinities in the nighttime & one out of every watch in the day time at the said places.

22nd July 1665. Swine. Ordered that if any person or persons at any tyme hereafter permit or suffer any of their swine to goe abroad in the streets of this towne it shall bee lawful to & for any person to kill such swine.

Dogs & cats to bee kild. Ordered the same day that all the cats & dogs of any person or persons either in Highgate or Eastgate from the Cockpit unto Minster end bee forthwith kild to prevent danger at this tyme of infection.

26th July 1665. Concerning Hull. Ordered by the Maior & greater number of Governors assembled at Mr. Mayor's house that forasmuch as Mr. Gaymes (who lately died at Mr. Cawthorp's house upon the infection of the plague of pestilence as is much feared) came from the towne of Kingston upon Hull the night before hee died & also for that it is here reported that three women came lately to Hull aforesd very suspitious of danger of infection with that disease & that one of the same women is taken & shut up in some by-place in or nigh the said towne of Kingston upon Hull, & also that severall things are come to Hull from the Citty of London, a place greatly infected with the said disease, it is therefore ordered that none of the inhabitants of Hull aforesaid bee admitted into this towne untill further order.

4th September 1665. Plague. No visits. Whereas it pleaseth Almighty God to continue the infection still among us For prevention of the further spreading thereof it is this day Ordered that there bee not any meeting in any place of this towne upon the accompt of marriages, christenings, burials, three week daies or other visits whatsoever above the number of tenn persons more than the persons of such familie where such meeting is without the licence of Mr. Maior for the tyme being & two Governors of this towne upon paine of every master of a familie or other housekeeper permitting such meeting within this towne to forfeit & pay five pounds to bee levied by warrant from the Maior for the tyme being upon the goods of such offender or offenders, & in case noe such distresse can bee had or taken as aforesd, then such offender or offenders to bee imprisoned during the pleasure of Mr. Maior & the greater number of Governors of this towne.

f. 34. Noe visits. Ordered that noe person whatsoever doe visit any sick persons within this towne without leave from Mr. Maior & two Governors at any tyme hereafter during the continuance of the infecton among us upon paine of every person for every offence contrary to this order the sum of five pounds to bee levied by distress of the goods of every such offender upon warrant from Mr. Maior for the tyme being, & in case noe such distresse can be had & taken as aforesaid, then such offender or offenders to bee imprisoned during the pleasure of the Maior & greater number of the Governors.

Edward Grey, Jun., Mayor.

5th October 1665. Digging of clay in Swinemoor forbidden under penalty of 20/- or 20 days in gaol.

As it has pleased God to visit this town ever since the 8th July last so that the profit of the toll is abated, the toll and weighing of wool this year is let to Willm. Butler for £36.

No widow of any freeman shall have any benefit in any of

the common pastures before she take the oath of a burgess on pain of 3/4.

12th October 1665. Another interview arranged with Mr. Bland, the King's Receiver, to pay rents and discuss arrears of rents claimed by him for the King; and also to sell Fletcher's lands to him as mentioned on the 18th October 1664.

4th November 1665. Plague 10^{li} fine. Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God in some good measure to withdraw his hand from of this towne in regard of the contagion among us, during the continuance whereof the burden & charge thereof was very great; & forasmuch as there have not any died for severall weekes last past of the infection soe that it is judged convenient to take of the watch in part, yet for prevention of future damage which may ensue in case of entertaining strangers among us, or other inhabitants who now have or hereafter may have occasion to travell into any part of this kingdome & returne home It is this day ordered by the Maior Governors & Burgesses of this towne that if any person or persons within this towne shall at any tyme hereafter entertaine or harbour any manner of person or persons who are in any wise suspected to come from any place of danger & shall come to the said towne bee they either strangers or inhabitants, before they give notice thereof unto the Maior for the tyme being or two Governors of this towne & also a good accompt of their businesse & that they are persons free from infection & also have the consent of the said Maior or two Governors for the reception of such person or persons that then every person offending contrary to this order shall forfeit & pay for every offence the sum of tenn pounds to bee levied by warrant upon the goods of such offender or offenders, or else such offender or offenders to bee imprisoned or sent to the Trinities there to remaine & bee maintained at their owne charge during the pleasure of Mr. Maior & the major part of the Governors of this towne.

f. 35. 29th January 1665[-6]. One of Dr. Metcalf's Exhibitions of £6. 13. 4 [to Cambridge] granted to John Garthwait, son of Willm. Garthwait, fellmonger.

15th March 1665[-6]. Mr. Mayor is desired to write to the "Londiners" to invite them to keep their mart at this town at the usual time [at the Cross fair].

Mr. Mayor and others to discourse with Mr. Barnard concerning the uniting of St. Nicholas either with the Minster or St. Maries.

26th March 1666. Mr. Dunne and others to attend the next sessions for the East Riding when the Parish of St. John are to traverse an Indictment concerning the highway from Manton Gate to Hulbridge.

f. 36. Leading of Londoners' wares next Cross fair let

to John Bovell for £8 but if more or less goods come than last year the amount to be adjusted proportionately.

2nd April 1666. John Carlin chosen swineherdsman at a salary of 40/- per annum, and a coat every Christmas; to continue in office as long as he shall behave himself carefully.

Robert Dawson chosen neatherdsman for Figholm [Figham] with such advantages as his predecessor had; for one year only unless he behave himself as becomes him.

9th April 1666. Upon his Majesty's letter and the recommendation of the Deputy Lieutenants for the loan of money upon the Act of Parliament; ordered that Mr. Mayor and two Governors attend upon Mr. Warton [M.P.] to see if he will advance £134 being three quarterly payments of the assessment called for the further supply.

28th May 1666. John Jackson Clerk to the Chamber to attend at York the Commissioners for the further supply to pay sixty odd pounds subscribed by Mr. Mayor to lend to His Majesty, being 9 months assessed before hand charged upon the 10 wards of this Corporation.

The house in Minster Yard belonging to the Corporation to be taken down and the materials laid up in the Minster.

f. 37. A new burgess sworn, fine £6. 13. 4.

1st June 1666. A Petition sealed to the Archbishop of York requesting his consent for the union of St. Nicholas to St. Maries Parish, and to mediate with His Majesty or the Lord Chancellor for the effecting thereof; the whole business to be managed by Mr. Mayor and two Governors at the charge of the Corporation.

25th June 1666. Mr. Lewynes &c., plague. Whereas the infection is now very violent in the towne & some of the Colledges at Cambridge, as is reported, & that Mr. Lewine, Mr. Gibson & Willm. Garthwaite, all of Beverley, have or are about to goe or send up in order to bringing downe their sonnes, it is this day ordered that the sonne of the said Mr. Lewyns, the sonnes of the said Mr. Gibson as also Willm. Garthwaite's sonne, with the persons who come down with them be disposed of by their parents in some convenient place in the country to prevent danger of their present reception here, & if the said Mr. Lewine, Mr. Gibson, Willm. Garthwaite or any of them do receive any of the said persons so intending to come unto this towne contrary to this order then every such person who shall so receive them shall bee shut up & restrained of their liberty during the pleasure of this Corporacon.

2nd July 1666 [interlined]. The order abovesaid as to the execution thereof is left to the discretion of Mr. Maior to do therein according to his discretion.

28th June 1666. The town's lands at Gilden Morden and

Over lately given to the Corporation by Dr. Metcalf for pious uses are now only let at £65, and as there is yearly to be paid £20 to the poor; £20 to the town's lecturer and schoolmaster and £20 to three "schollers" at the University so that only £5 remains to pay taxes and other charges; it is ordered that if such taxes and charges exceed £5 then the £60 be abated proportionately.

52/- paid to the King's messenger being 6 years arrears of rent due to the King on a parcel of ground lying in Wood lane.

f. 38. 2nd July 1666. John Emerson, late of Brigg, hat-maker, sworne burgess £6. 13. 4.

26th July 1666. Corporation seal affixed to the Assent of the Mayor and Justices unto the Lord Chancellor for uniting the Church of St. Nicholas to the Church of St. Maries.

21st August 1666. A house in Crossgarths let for 21 years; Rent £3; Fine £45.

13th September 1666. A copy of the orders of the Oatmeal-makers, entered in the town's book, to be given to the Warden of the said trade.

20th September 1666. Toll and weighing of wool for the year let for £40 as usual.

William Nelson, Mayor.

f. 39. 8th October 1666. Annual appointment of Auditors, Pasture Masters, Surveyors, and Sellers of Toll Corn.

As Sir Robt. Hildyard has lately spoken to the Mayor concerning the desires of Dr. Hebbard to succeed Mr. Osgodby as a minister within this town it is ordered that a letter be sent to Dr. Hebbard that the Corporation have made some progress about the uniting of Holmes Church [St. Nicholas] to St. Maries, and that when the said union is perfected and Dr. Hebbard do signify his desires of succeeding Mr. Osgodby, they will give him a civil answer to such his desires.

An order of the 5th March 1628 that a fee of 3/4 for passing the seal to the sale of any town's lands or any "Averidge" of any ground, or 2/6 for sealing a Lease where the fine is £10 or over and 2/- under £10; shall be henceforth put in execution.

40/- paid to Capt. Grey which he paid Mr. Sergeant of London for the engraving in brass on the grave of St. John of Beverley.

The "Averidge" of Kelgate Leazes to be let for 14/- and £5 fine.

22nd November 1666. Two dozen leather buckets and two fire "houkes" or clamps to be provided for the public use in case any "scath" fire happen.

f. 40. 17th December 1666. Ordered that £20 be paid as Dr. Metcalf's gift to the poor this Christmas. There is also other £13. 6. 8 due to the poor as there are two Exhibitions "awanting"

at Cambridge, but not to be distributed until it be received from the tenants of the lands granted by Dr. Metcalf as they now fall short of the rents when first granted.

The Clerk to take the Charter to York to enter with the new Sheriff; and also to see the under sheriff "and if hee have taken of the charge of 5^l agt this towne the last terme then to satisfye him for his paines."

25th March 1667. Leading of Londoners' wares next Cross fair let on same terms as last year. Whereas several persons have taken part of the benefit from the Corporation of leading such goods by carrying them on their backs and by other means, any person (other than the farmers of the right) who shall lead any wares usually brought to the fair shall pay 5/- for every man's burden and 20/- for every horse load cart load or wain load, to be levied by warrant.

£150 is required to be borrowed to pay a debt owing to Mr. Ambrose Metcalf of Hull, and the same sum is offered by Mr. Raph Warton provided the Corporation give him security for the payment of £9 per annum for ever, the said money belonging to the gentry of this County for Kiplingcoates [Races]. Ordered that Westwood be given as security for the payment of the said £9 accordingly.

Fishing of Beverley Beck let to Capt. Grey for 7 years at 1/- rent per annum.

f. 41. 3rd April 1667. The £150 belonging to Kiplingcoates cannot be procured. Mr. Michael Warton offers to lend that sum on the security of Westwood, but the Chamber is unwilling to give that security, and authorises the Mayor to endeavour to borrow it from him or some one else on a bond at three, six, or twelve months.

15th April 1667. £150 borrowed from Mr. Heron and a bond sealed accordingly.

Ordered (upon the request of the gentry of this town) that Walter Parley have permission to "grave" sods in Swinemoor for the making of a bowling green in the close on the back side of his house within North Bar.

18th April 1667. Bartholomew Towers, "Apothecarie" sworn burgess. Fine £10.

9th May 1667. Two Governors appointed to let upholsters' standings in Old Wast, Wednesday Market, this Cross Fair.

f. 42. 10th June 1667. John Jackson to go to York to the Archbishop with the union of the two Churches under the Great Seal in order to his Graces perfection thereof.

24th July 1667. One silver bowl now in the town's possession, and one bell now in the Church of St. John belonging to the late Church of St. Nicholas to be delivered to the Churchwardens of St. Maries Church for the Church's use,

Whereas there are several lands in this town which by law are due and forfeited to this Corporation by way of escheat, Capt. Grey and Mr. Davies to enquire into the matter, and if necessary to advise with Counsel at the Corporation's charge.

f. 43. 19th September 1667. Mr. Mayor to write to the Londoners now at Holden [Howden] fair that the fair at Beverley will be kept the next Cross fair according to the decree, and that all the shops within the street are to be supplied.

Stephen Goakman, Mayor.

f. 44. 4th November 1667. George Hardy chosen overseer of the town's work at a salary of £6. 13. 4 and one cloak annually.

18th November 1667. Mr. James Moyser and several gentlemen are willing to give the Corporation £100 now in their hands for raising plate yearly for Kippling Coates [Races]. Agreed to accept it and to grant a rent charge of £6 per annum out of Trinity Closes for ever.

f. 45. 9th December 1667. On the advice of Edward Barnard Esq. Counsellor at Law a letter of Attorney sealed authorising the two town sergeants to enter on Corporation lands in arrears of rent and distrain the tenants' goods.

£6. 13. 4 granted at Christmas to Mr. Elias Pawson, Lecturer of this town, as a new year's gift for the respect the Corporation bears to him, and he is desired to go to the Free school as often as he pleases and examine the "schollers" how they advance in learning.

3rd February 1667[-8]. £325 Kipplecoats [Races]. Several gentlemen of the town have proposed to deposit £325 with the Corporation to remain for ever for the yearly rent of £20, the Corporation having the right to pay it off if they please. Ordered that the same be accepted and security given for it according; that £190 be used to repay Mr. Heron £150 and Jo. Bovell £40, and the rest laid up in the Town's Chest until it can be used to advantage.

10th February 1667[-8]. Francis Tod appointed a neatherdsman for Westwood, and also to attend the gathering of the toll corn.

f. 46. 24th April 1668. Consent that the Corporation take Administration of the goods of Leonard Allanson, late deceased, with the will annexed; and enter upon and secure the estate for the payment of debts and education of the four children.

7th May 1668. No person in future be sworn a burgess or freeman unless he come to this Chamber and have the Corporation's consent.

[Entries of new burgesses are now frequent and will not be

mentioned. The fine for an apprentice admitted is now 20/-; born burgess, free; and others usually £5 or £6. 13. 4, though one George Horsley of Malton, mercer, was charged and paid £13. 6. 8 in August of this year].

[Stephen Goakman, the Mayor, having died, Robert Norman is now Mayor].

23rd May 1668. The Mayor authorised to arrange with Richard Meadley of this town for the education of Mary, daughter of the late Leonard Allanson for 3 or 4 years; and the Clerk to write to one Skipton in Craven, who is uncle to the children, about the education of the two boys of Allanson.

f. 47. 31st August 1668. The farmers of the leading of Londoners' wares last Cross fair made account showing that they led in all 237 loads, of which 41 loads were "led down." They were charged £7. 4. 0 for the privilege.

21st September 1668. Certificate under seal given to Joseph Johnson, Master of Arts, that he was born in Beverley, and is therefore capable of a fellowship in St. John's College, Cambridge, which belongs to this Corporation and is now vacant.

Authority given to the Pasture Masters to impose a charge upon every head of cattle depasturing in the Common Pastures not exceeding 12d. per head towards the cost of dressing, amending and repairing the pastures.

25th September 1668. Toll and weighing of wool let to John Bovell this year for £40.

The water passage between Hull and Beverley let to John Bovell for 21 years for the yearly rent of £5.

Robert Richardson, Mayor.

f. 48. 2nd November 1668. Kippleincoats money. Mr. Edward Barnard came into the Chamber about the disposal of a sum of £330 the yearly interest of which is for the buying of plate for Kipplingcoats horse course, that several gentlemen of this town and in the country desire to lodge with the Corporation for ever on security of lands for the payment of £20 per annum. Ordered that if the whole sum is paid over on the 25th March next the Corporation will give security by St. Gyles Crofts and the two closes called Outer Trinities for the payment of £20 per annum with liberty to repay on 6 months' warning.

If the Mayor, any Governor, or any of the 13 Burgesses, or the Clerk, hereafter discover either the negative or affirmative vote concerning any business transacted in this Chamber to any person other than one to another and not in the hearing of any others, shall pay if Mayor or Governor 20/-; if Clerk or Burgess 10/-.

Further every Governor absent from a meeting without leave of the Mayor to pay 2/- and every Burgess 1/-.

22nd November 1668. £95 of Leonard Allanson's money

for the use of the four children brought in. £40 paid to discharge John Bovell's debt and the rest put in the town's chest until it can be made up to £150 to pay Mr. Heron.

f. 49. 21st December 1668. That £26. 5. 10, that is £11. 13. 4 from Over [land] £8. 12. 6 the mill rent and £6 interest on £100 given by Alderman Gray of London, and also £3. 4. 0 the Londoner's dole last fair, the whole £29. 9. 10 be distributed among the poor this Xmas.

The Town's Charter of 4th King Charles the first delivered to Capt. Grey to obtain Counsel's advice as to the authority to escheat lands.

Every person bringing corn or grain to be sold within the town shall set it upon the Market Hill in open place on Market days on pain of 12d. per quarter, to be levied by the Common Sergeants.

18th February 1668[-9]. Capt. Grey and others to enquire about a book which is to be had in the town which is said to contain many of the privileges of this Corporation, and if they judge it to be useful, to buy it for what price they can.

Leading of Londoners' goods next Cross fair let to Thomas Spavin for £10.

[No entries between 18th February and 5th April].

f. 50. 5th April 1669. If any one but Thomas Spavin lead or carry any goods brought to be sold at Crossfair, either from the landing place at Grovall [River Hull] or Beverley Beck, or any other place within the Liberties of Beverley to Londoners' street or elsewhere, or back again; to be fined as ordered 25th March 1667.

[Two blank folios, and no entries between 5th April and 4th October 1669].

Edmund Howson, Mayor.

f. 51. 4th October 1669. At a meeting immediately after swearing of the new mayor. A messenger sent to Mr. Nelson of Caistroope, undertaker for the dressing of Beverley Beck, pressing him to perfect the work of cleansing the Beck next the great dambe and also taking up the dambes, and if he fails to do so then Mr. Maior to proceed to appoint workmen forthwith to finish the work, and pay them out of the £20 resting unpaid out of the £130.

7th October 1669. Annual appointment of Governors and Burgesses as Auditors (four Governors and four Burgesses); Pasture Masters for Westwood, Figholme and Swinemoor (two Governors and two Burgesses for each) Surveyors (three Governors and three Burgesses); and sellers of the toll corn (one Governor and one Burgess).

If any Governor or Burgess be not present at any meeting at the Guildhall within half an hour after the time at which he is

summoned he shall pay, Governor 12d. and Burgess 6d. unless he have leave from the Mayor. Fine to be levied by the Mayor's Warrant.

14th October 1669. £20, the balance of the £130 for scouring the Beck, paid to Mr. Nelson's son on behalf of his father; the mutual articles and Bonds between the parties to be exchanged.

Upon reading the Decree of St. Maries Church lands [7th January 1633] and how the rents and profits shall be employed, to wit, for the repair of the Church, for paying out rents, for providing bread and wine at the Communion and for paying wages and salaries, and the surplusage to come yearly upon every accompt day at Easter to this Corporation; and whereas the Churchwardens have employed one pound nineteen shillings part of such rents in buying paving and bricks for the Vicarage house contrary to the Decree; and there is also £1. 10. 7 resting in the accountant's hands, that these two sums amounting to £3. 9. 7 be demanded of the Churchwardens, and on failure to pay that they be sued.

Westwood Mill let to Michael Spence for 21 years at the yearly rent of £8. 12. 6; he to be bound to fetch and carry corn and to grind at 2d. per bushel.

f. 52. 8th November 1669. 5/- paid to the two Sergeants out of the £3 paid by Ann Rattell, Ann Sanders and Roger Dawson for buying turves to sell again before they had laid three tides in the Beck, contrary to an order of this Chamber.

It is referred to Mr. Mayor to provide and procure weights and measures for the town's use and at their charge.

15th November 1669. Any person that shall suffer any swine to go abroad the streets or other places within this town "unronged and unyoaked" shall forfeit and pay 12d.; and every such swine so found to be impounded until the owner be known, the impounder to have half the fine.

22nd November 1669. All persons fined or amerced at the Cort Leet and Cort Baron for this town for any offence for which he has been presented, the Clerk of the Peace shall bring such presentments into this Chamber and a summons shall go out from hence to every such person to pay their fines or show cause why not, otherwise such course be taken against them as the law provides.

All persons who have or had any of the town's Arms in their possession to pay for the same on demand, or be sued for the same.

Lawrence Knowles, the town's Bedle, after his quarter's salary of 5/- next Christmas Day, to have no more salary but only cloth for a coat yearly.

f. 53. 2nd December 1669. Thomas Richardson of York (the Cambridge carrier) to have a letter of attorney authorizing him to demand and receive the rents of the town's tenants at Over and Guilden Morden; and to distrain for non-payment.

John Poskit, musician, sworn a burgess, paying £4 by three annual instalments. The same John chosen one of the "Wates" of this town being paid 18/- each December as the other wates have, the salary to be allowed towards instalments of the burgess fine; and the Corporation badge of silver is delivered to him in trust.

The town's Charter of Charles 2nd to be taken to York and entered with the new Sheriff.

Any person bringing thatch or straw to the town by Beverley Beck shall land it on the land called the Old Wast at the south side of the Beck, and pay for every hundred of thatch so landed one halfpenny. If any such is landed between the bridges the charge to be 6d. for every hundred except such as the inhabitants there require for their own houses. No person hereafter shall steep any thatch in the Beck upon pain of 12d. for every hundred so steeped.

20th December 1669. 10/- paid to Mrs. Elrington for her present wants.

£34. 12. 6 distributed to the poor this week, being £20 Dr. Metcalf; £8. 12. 6 the Mill rent and £6 the interest on £100 given by Mr. Grey of London.

A warrant to be drawn up and sealed by the Mayor against Thomas Clark, gent. and Thomas Gurley, blacksmith, to levy upon their goods ten shillings a week apiece if they trade anything in this town again.

24th January 1669[-70]. The leading of Londoners' wares at Cross fair let to Thomas Spavin for 3 years at £10 each year.

The Butchers' Shambles, formerly let to John Butler with the toll and weighing of wool, to be let after Michaelmas next, either wholly or in part, for 5 or 7 years to whoever will take them, at the rents for which they are now let, the tenants repairing the same.

f. 54. 14th February 1669[-70]. Writs to be sent for against four named persons for amerciements which they were fined at the last Cort Leet holden for this town.

Thomas Gurley [see 20th December 1669] sworne a burgess on payment of £5 by instalments. Jo. Norris, Schoolmaster, surety for payment.

3rd March 1669[-70]. John Jackson, Clerk to the Chamber, authorised to give possession and seizin of "the Averidge of three closes and four sellions of land near Kelgate Barr" conveyed by the Corporation to Willm. Robinson by deed under the town's seal dated 23rd January 1657.

Two Sheriffs' liveries to be bought and given to Henry Allen and John Butler to go to York on Saturday to attend Sir Phillip Monckton, High Sheriff, this Assize.

21st March 1669[-70]. John Garthwait, Bachelor of Arts, is elected Assistant in St. John's Beverley in place of Mr. Willm.

Durham, decd.; and to have £16 per annum paid quarterly as formerly and such other fees as are of right due to him.

Fishing and fowling of Figham and Swinemoor to be let; the rent to be paid to the Town's Receiver and not to the Pasture Masters as formerly. [Let for £3 a year at the next meeting].

An order made in 1662 taking security to indemnify the town from Henry Stanley, his wife and children upon his admission as a Burgess, and all other similar orders, made void and null.

f. 55. Town's Surveyors absent from meetings without lawful excuse after being warned the day before by the eldest Governor who is a Surveyor, to pay a fine of 12d.

20 "deales of the corsest sort" now being in the Minster given to Willm. Ward in full satisfaction for 40/- lent by him at dressing the Beck, which were broke and lost.

6th June 1670. Mr. John Forge, Master of the Free School, sworn a burgess without payment, being freely granted by the Corporation.

Re-entries to be made on Wm. Dixon's house and also on the pillory for breaches of covenants.

f. 56. A box and parcel of tobacco distrained for being sold before last Cross Fair, contrary to the order, to be appraised and sold for the advantage of the Corporation; and that John Butler be rewarded for seizing the same by a sixty part of the price obtained.

Two "buts called Grovall butts" to be demolished and the soil thereof laid in the repair of Grovall highway.

Trees in the Hurn to be cut down for the repair of the several "stockes" and shambles in the town.

Lands belonging to St. Maries Church not to be let but by the Mayor Governors and Burgesses and the Churchwardens by name, according to the Decree.

27th June 1670. As the free school is increased to about 50 scholars, and Mr. Forge, the Master, is not able of himself to manage it to such advantage and benefit of the scholars as he desires, he is authorised to nominate a fit person to be Usher, to be approved by this Chamber and examined by Mr. Pawson concerning his abilities. His yearly salary to be £6. 13. 4 payable quarterly.

The orders of the Company of Carpenters read and compared with the town's book [Great Order Book *f. 43*] and found to agree except the two last are missing in the book. The missing two are to be allowed and entered provided the Company get them confirmed by the Judges according to law.

8th August 1670. Whereas several persons who usually lead turves and coals do drive their horses up and down the town not fastening each horse to the tail of another, whereby there

is much danger and damage may accrue to the children or otherwise; any person not doing so hereafter to pay 12d. for every horse not so ordered; and so *toties quoties*; and that the rider do ride on the forehorse upon the like penalty; horses offending to be impounded until the fine paid, and the impounder to have 2d. This order only to apply to "loadened" horses.

The 13 Burgesses when attending meetings in this Chamber to wear a decent cloak or large coat suitable to their respective places and offices. Penalty for default 12d.

f. 57. A gunsmith sworn a Burgess. Fine £6. 13. 4.

The "Averidge" of a close in the occupation of Sir Willm. Wise, Recorder of this town, let to him for 14 years from Michaelmas to Candlemas each year at 4d. per year. Fine £6. 13. 4.

The wall commonly called Minster Garth wall to be taken down and the materials stored in the Minster.

The patent for the toll to be shown to Mr. Recorder for his opinion concerning the clause by which a farthing a 1000 is granted for turves which come hither to be sold.

Michael Warton Esq. [M.P.] requested that a farrier now residing at Lincoln may be admitted a burgess. One of the Governors who is going to Lincoln is asked to report as to his ability and sufficiency in that profession. If satisfactory he is to be admitted a burgess without fine; provided (*a*) sufficient security is given to indemnify the Corporation from him and his family, and (*b*) that a blacksmith who was sworn burgess in 1668, on payment of £5 by some gentry of the town, do not come and claim the benefit of his freedom.

A general survey of the town lands next Thursday at 8 o'clock; any Governor or Burgess not attending to pay 2/6.

The "Averidge" of a close belonging to St. Maries Church sold to John Jackson, the Chamber Clerk, for £4, to hold in trust for the said Church.

22nd August 1670. Toll and weighing of wool and Butchers' Shambles let to Jo. Butler for 3 years at £40 a year.

12th September 1670. Mr. John Wilde chosen Usher of the Free school. Salary £6. 13. 4 yearly paid quarterly.

That one manuscript containing an originall of the family of the Cliffords bee presented to the Countess of Bridlington and Cork, from this Corporation.

f. 58. A copy of the will of William Lacey of Thornhill, Doctor of Divinity, brought in to the Chamber, bequeathing £350 to the Corporation for certain uses. Ordered that on receipt of that sum security be given for the payment of £18 per annum to Ann Lacey, his Widow, and after her death £16 a year to such person as have a right to it under the will.

Christopher Chappelow, Mayor.

6th October 1670. The annual appointment of Auditors, Pasture Masters, etc. as at *f.* 51.

The farrier of Lincoln [*f.* 57] not having come to take up his freedom, one Ralph Nicholson, a farrier of Fishburn is admitted without fine on the recommendation of Sir Raph Warton.

f. 59. 31st October 1670. That a bushell skep, peck skep, half peck and quartran skep, with a yard measure; and also a quart pott, pinte and gill pott bee sent for to London, according to an Act of this present Parliament for the regulating of Measures; to be all of brass at the charge of this Corporation; as also a ston weight, half ston weight and so a pound weight and weights downwards of brass to an ounce weight.

10/- paid to Mrs. Newcome in regard of her present sickness and want.

19th December 1670. John Hewerdine is chosen keeper of the clock in St. John's [the Minster] in Beverley; he to have £4 yearly paid to him by quarterly portions; out of the first payment he is to satisfy George Thompson for keeping the clock until he took it under his care.

23rd January 1670[-71]. The tyles now being upon a little cottage in Kelgate in which Mary Jackson, widow, dwelleth, in despite of the Corporation, and also the tyles on another tenement there, to be taken from of the roofs and laid up in the Minster for the town's use.

Mrs. Davies, executrix of her late husband, George Davies, to be sued for two pykes and a muskett which was in his possession if she do not deliver the same or make satisfaction.

f. 60. The Mayor authorised to treat for the purchase of two closes of Mr. Charles Bacon, in expectation of £150 which Sir Edward Barnard has acquainted the Corporation was intended to be given by a gentlewoman of London. The price to be offered to be £9 rent per annum at 17 years purchase; but to be sure first of the payment of the £150.

6th March 1670[-1]. The Mayor to levy by his warrant 10/- of the goods of Thomas Dunne, one of the members of this Chamber, who did lately discover the secrets of the Chamber contrary to his burgess oath and to an order of this Chamber.

Mrs. Newcome and Mrs. Elrington to have 40/- per annum each until further order, paid quarterly; Mrs. Newcome to have 10/- paid in hand in respect of her extreme want.

The fine for a Governor, Burgess, or Clerk who shall "discover" the business of the Chamber [see *f.* 48] now fixed at 20/- for every offence.

A contract entered into to pay £3 to William Trippet of

Kingston upon Hull for amending and repairing the Minster Clock, and also for £10 yearly for keeping and maintaining it in repair.

f. 61. 17th April 1671. On a report that Thomas Bland, Esq., Receiver General of His Majesty's Revenue in this County is willing to demise the tithes and oblations of St. Maries, St. John's, and St. Martin's within this town for a term of years, it is referred to the Mayor, Capt. Grey and Mr. Howson to discourse with him and take a lease of the same on such terms as they best can.

The Corporation to take tuition of Willm. son of Thomas Jefferson decd. and endeavour to get in his estate within the town for the proper use of the said Infant.

Order for Sellers of fysh. Whereas several abuses have been done and committed within this town by divers persons who have & doe use to sell fish there by carrying their said commodities abroad from house to house & not keeping their standing in either of the sd market places at the usual shambles there; by reason whereof the inhabts of the same town cannot be supplied therewith as they have occasion It is this day ordered that all & every person or persons who shall at any time or times hereafter bring any manner of fish to be sold within this town that they & every of them shall bring the same & every pte thof unto the common shambles appointed for that purpose within half an hour after they bring the same to the towne, provided the same come by six of the clock in the morning betwn the 1st of March & the 1st of October or by eight of the clock in the morning between the 1st of October & the 1st of March yearly & that they nor any of them nor any other for there use or by there order shall at any time hereafter go about from house to house to sell the same And further that if any person or persons shall offend in anything contrary hereunto that every such person shall forfeit & pay for every such offence 6s. 8d. to the use of this town the same to be levied by warrant of the Mayor for the time being by distress & sale of the offender's goods or recovered by action of debt at law; or if any innkeeper or housekeeper within this towne shall entertain any such fish in his or their house so that the same is not brought to the said shambles then every such innkeeper or housekeeper shall forfeit & pay for every such offence 10s. to be levied accordingly & that the contents hereof be proclaymed by the bell within this town & that every seller of fish do every day when they have fish to sell be at the shambles ready to make sale thereof from 8 of the clock in the forenoon until 12 of the clock of every such day upon the said penalty of 6s. 8d.

8th May 1671. One "beare bowle," being broke in two, to be exchanged at the next fair for 2 silver tumblers.

f. 62. 4th September 1671. "Whereas this day John

Robinson, sonne of Willm. Robinson of Beverley, gent. came into the Cort of this towne and there demanded the licence of the Cort to appear & prosecute as an Attorney there in a cause there depending between John Burtham plttf agst Marmaduke Blakeston deft., on the behalfe of the sd plttf, wch sd John Robinson is not a sworne Attorney of the sd Cort, & therefor was denyed to appear & prosecute as aforsd, it is this day ordered that if any question sute or trouble shall happen to bee agst Mr. Christopher Chappilow now Maior or any other person being a member of the sd Cort by reason of the premises, or any other matter of the like nature, that the same shall bee mayntayned managed & borne at the charge of this Corporation."

George Raw who had lately £10 distrained and forfeited to the Corporation at the suit of John Acklam, to have £5 paid to him upon his petition.

21st September 1671. Every person who stands amerced for offences at the last Cort Leet and have not paid to be sued at common law.

Mr. John Forge to be sworn an Attorney of this Cort when he hath taken his burgess oath, to practise as an Attorney there so long as he does not anything prejudicial thereunto, either by removal of any cause or otherwise.

Mr. John Jackson [Clerk to the Chamber] one of the Attorneys of this Cort, to have liberty to practise as an Attorney at Common Law if he can be admitted, and provided he do nothing prejudicial to this Cort.

Thomas Johnson, Jun., Mayor.

f. 63. 5th October 1671. The annual appointment of Audit Day; Auditors; Pasture-Masters; Surveyors and Sellers of Toll Corn; Governors and Burgesses in equal proportions.

The Pasture Masters of Westwood, Swinemoor, and Figholme for last year ordered to account for their receipts and payments at the "Towne's Hall" next Monday.

9th October 1671. The Pasture Masters made their account, and those of Westwood brought in 30s. 8d. to the Chamber and for Swinemoor 17s. 2d.

Joseph Lambert, Clerk, is chosen Assistant in the late Collegiate Church of St. John in this Town in place of Mr. John Garthwait, who lately resigned.

14th November 1671. Upon reading the affidavit of John Robinson [see *f.* 62] in the Cort of Common Pleas at Westminster against Thomas Johnson, Mayor of this town, and of a Rule of the Cort for the Mayor to shew cause why an attachment be not made against him to answer upon the matters contained in the affidavit; Mr. John Dymoke, one of the Governors, is desired to go to London and attend the managment of this business as he shall be advised by the best Counsell that London

can afford for money; and that Mr. Dymoke have with him:— Charter of Charles 2nd; Order of the Prince's Counsell; Lease of 21 years and Assignment of 99 years for Toll and Perquisites of Corts, taken out of this Chamber to advise upon by Counsell. Henry Allen, one of the Sergeants at Mace, to accompany him.

f. 64. 18th December 1671. Mr. Dymoke made his account concerning his journey to London, which is allowed. He is to have 20/- for his horse on that journey; Tho. Pearson 20/- for his mare; and Henry Allen 30/- for his pains.

f. 65. 22nd January 1671[-2]. Mr. Dymoke to go to London again for the trial of the business between the town and John Robinson; that he fee Counsell as he think fit, and that he have the following Charters with him, viz: Queen Elizabeth's Charter of Incorporation, King James' Inspeximus; King Charles 1st Charter; and the Order of the Prince's Counsell. These delivered to him 25th January, with Chr. Fotherby's affidavit and Rules of Cort and 2 affidavits more.

5th February 1671[-2]. If Willm. Ward go up to Cambridge and be admitted a student before the 25th March next, he to have paid to him £3. 6. 8. being half a year's exhibition then due under Dr. Metcalf's will.

f. 66. 26th February 1671[-2]. Upon reading the Will of Mrs. Margaret Farrer, Mr. Mayor is desired to enquire after a purchase of lands of the value of £150 which she hath given to the town.

John Johnson appointed neatherd of Swinemoor in the place of his father lately deceased, so long as he behaves himself well and gives satisfaction to the Pasture Masters.

7th March 1671[-2]. Mr. Dymoke's account of his disbursements at London amounting to £12. 13. 0 to be paid, and put with the Rules of Cort, affidavits and other papers tied in a bundle and put in the locker with the town's leases.

The town's book of ancient records with the lock on its cover brought into the Chamber, from London.

25th March 1672. That the school house door key be delivered to Tho. Marshall in St. Marie's Church where Jo. Norris taught scholars, and that he be permitted to teach there, and this by the consent of the Churchwardens.

f. 67. 11th April 1672. Robert Dawson is chosen swineherd of the town; to have a coat yearly as other officers have; and that he be at liberty to agree with every inhabitant in the town whose swine he shall keep; and that he keep the town's swine in such places in Westwood as was usual heretofore; and that no person shall keep swine in Westwood except the common swineherd.

13th April 1672. The Mayor and others to treat with Robert Lowe of Benningholme and Robert Freeman, who married two of the daughters of Ambrose Fisher, late of Weel, decd, about the purchase of their lands at Weel.

6th May 1672. Margaret Ellinworth had last week certain goods taken, being bought in this present Cross Fair, but as she alleges ignorance of the town's order and proclamation made, she is to have the goods delivered to her, she never having bought any goods at the fair time before; and she is to pay 1/- to John Butler, toll farmer, for carrying the goods to the gaol.

Also that the parcel of goods seized by Jo. Butler, being the goods of Sydney Butler, apothecary, this Fair, be appraised and sold for the Corporation's use.

Also that the goods of John Fryer, who lately died within this town and was upon inquisition found *felo de se* by taking poison, be appraised and sold for the Corporation's use.

9th May 1672. A lengthy Minute, recording that Mr. Willm. Forge has paid a sum of £250 to the Corporation for the purchase of the land at Weel, late of Ambrose Fisher, which sum is intended in part of £350 bequeathed to the Corporation by Dr. Lacy; and that Mrs. Lacy is shortly expected in the town to pay over the £350; Mr. Forge is accordingly indemnified by reason of the payment of the £250, as also an additional £50; and it is acknowledged that the total of £300 is in part payment of the £350 in case Mrs. Lacey approves thereof. £130 part thereof is to be paid to Robert Lowe, who married one of Fisher's two daughters and co-heirs, as his share of £260 the purchase price of the Weel lands, and Mr. Forge, who is to pay him the money, is to be indemnified against the claim of Robert Freeman, who married the other daughter, to the whole £260.

The Mayor is to pass the Corporation Seal to an instrument to perform so much of the Will of Dr. Lacy as concerns this town, upon receipt of the £350 payable under the Will, and a copy of the Will is to be entered in the other end of this book.

f. 68. Acknowledgment by Robert Lowe, signed and sealed by him, of the receipt of £130 of lawful English money, and also one broad piece of gold commonly called a twenty shillings piece of gold, in full payment of his share of the purchase money of the Weel land.

f. 69. 10th June 1672. John Helmsley, apothecarie, sworne a burgess on payment of a fine of £10¹.

"Whereas Capt. Edward Grey is sued by information in His Maties Cort of Exchequer in the name of the King's Attorney for a mortuary pretended to be due out of his father's personal

¹ This is an unusual fine—others at this period are still usually £5 or £6. 13. 4, with apprentices 20/- and "Born Burgess" free.

estate; and whereas the same mortuaries were not customarily paid in the Parish of St. Maries where the said Mr. Grey dyed in the memory of any man now liveing; it is ordered that Mr. Robert Bethell bee Attorney for the said Mr. Grey to defend him against the said information, and that the said sute being a general concerne to the inhabitants of this town and parish, that the said Capt. Grey bee indemnified by this Corporation concerning the said sute; and that John Jackson, Clerk to this Chamber, doe goe about the parish and towne to take of every person what they will contribute towards the management of the said sute."

f. 70. 29th July 1672. The penalty of 20/- upon the Warden of the Smiths refusing his office; 13/4 on the Searchers and 6/8 on the Stewards to be inserted in their Orders now on record in the town's book, and also in the roll of parchment containing the said Orders according as is expressed in the ancient orders of the Company.

23rd August 1672. The Seal to pass to the deeds concerning the lands at Weel to be conveyed for the £150 given by Mrs. Farrer.

2nd September 1672. Weel Halgarth and the lands thereto belonging (except two closes) let to Math. Fisher for 7 years at the rent of £21.

17th September 1672. Henry Butler, apothecary, to be sworn burgess on payment of £6. 13. 4 before Thursday next come sevensnight; if not 10/- a week to be levied for trading in the town not being a freeman.

Thomas Clark, Mayor.

f. 71. 3rd October 1672. The annual appointment of Auditors, Pasture Masters and Surveyors.

Jo. Jackson to take the Charter to York to be entered with the Sheriff. Also to enter a plea to an Indictment at the Country Sessions against the town for not repairing the highway from Manton Gate to Hulbridge; and that Mr. Bethell be employed to sue for a Certiorari to remove the indictment.

Edward Smales, overseer of the town's work displaced, and Henry Allen chosen in his place. £6. 13. 4 per annum and such other wages as have been usual. The said Henry to collect and gather the toll corn on the market days. Not to have a cloak as overseer, but only as Sergeant at Mace.

The tenement in Saturday market called the Pillory let to John Camell for 11 years at 40/- a year; the town to build an "outshot."

f. 72. 20th December 1672. Dr. Samuel Johnson, physician, son of Mr. John Johnson, some time Minister of St. Maries, sworn a burgess.

£49. 2. 0 to be distributed to the poor in money and cloth. of which £3. 2. 10 was the Londoners' dole last fair.

George Horsley, elected one of the Capital Burgesses last Michaelmas, refuses to take his oath. Ordered that he pay a fine of 40/- and that a new Burgess be chosen in his place.

14th January 1672[-3]. The Indictment against the Corporation for the highway leading from Manton Gate to Hulbridge having been quashed, the Mayor and Clerk are asked to obtain Counsel's advice where the town may begin either to indict or sue the Sheriff for the same highway, and to prosecute the same. Mr. Warton to be informed of this order.

20th January 1672[-3]. Leading of Londoners' wares at Cross Fair let to Thomas Spavin for 3 years at £13. 6. 8 a year.

f. 73. £50 to be borrowed to repay £70 bond owing to Willm Green; the Receivers to pay £10 each to make up the £70.

Willm. Coates chosen a Capital Burgess in the stead of Mr. Horsley.

3rd February 1672[-3]. 50/- to be paid to John Butler [Toll collector] wherewith to reimburse him for so much paid for the cure of his wounds in demanding Toll last November.

17th February 1672[-3]. Edward Wilbert to be sworn a Burgess on payment of £5 and when admitted to be invested Schoolmaster of the school belonging to St. Marie's Church in place of Thomas Marshall, decd.

Robert Waineman, baker, appointed Bellman or Common Cryer; to have a coat yearly and the Bell. For every proclamation or cry 2d. from a Burgess and 4d. from a stranger.

Joseph Allanson to have the 40/- yearly given by Mrs. Farrer for schooling a boy; until he is fit for the University.

7th March 1672[-3]. The Prince's lease for toll and profits of Court; the assignment for 99 years, a parchment roll of the limits of Beverley; and an old parchment book of orders with a lock on the cover delivered to the Mayor and others to take to York Assizes concerning the highway from Manton Gate to Hulbridge.

f. 74. 21st April 1673. Reciting that Cross Fair for the sale of wares and merchandizes has anciently and usually been kept in Highgate, commonly called Londoners' street, on the west side from the Minster to Inglebert Hall and on the east side from the Minster to the third shop towards Wednesday Market Place; and that for several years houses and shops outside these limits have been let by several persons for the purpose during the Fair, whereby His Majesty's shops and also the town's shops in Highgate have been destitute of tenants; ordered that this is prohibited for the future under a penalty of 40/- for every offence.

Henceforth upon Ascension Day, Midsummer Day and the 25th October the Beast fair shall be held in Norwood, the Horse fair within North Bar and the Sheep fair without North Bar.

25th April 1673. Thomas Johnson and Mathew Bovell have led several waine loads of Londoners' wares this present Cross Fair from the water side to Highgate, contrary to the order of 25th March 1677 [*f.* 40] and are declared liable to the penalty.

f. 75. 5th June 1673. Brass called in. Whereas His Majesty by Royal Proclamation prohibited the payment of farthings, half pence and one or two pence, unless stamped and coined by His Majesty's authority, and by an Act of last session of Parliament pardoned those who did so until the 25th March last; and as several persons in this town, notwithstanding, constantly pay and disperse the same; ordered that the Bell go about to prohibit it under the penalties of the law.

29th July 1673. John Jackson, Clerk, reported that verdicts were given for the town on the trial at York Assizes of two indictments for non-repair of the highways of Queensgate and Hullbridge. His expenses, £29. 15. 7 paid, and 30/- for his pains. The three witnesses to be paid 2/- each, the man who took them to York in his waggon 16d. a day; and Henry Allen 10/-.

Edward Wilbert, schoolmaster, complained of Richard Ward a teacher of scholars in the town not being a Burgess. The Corporation's order to be executed against Richard accordingly.

18th August 1673. There has been such extraordinary rain this summer that the Pasture Masters have not been able to lay out the money they received for the amendment of Figham and Swinemoor Pastures; they are ordered to pay it over to their successors.

f. 76. John Pashmore chosen one of the "Townes Wates." Further the "Waites" are to begin their morning watch on the 25th October and continue until the 1st March every year.

8th September 1673. Toll and weighing of wool let to John Butler again for 3 years at £40 a year.

William Coulson, Mayor.

f. 77. 2nd October 1673. Annual appointment of Audit Day, and officers, viz. Auditors 4 Governors and 4 Burgesses; Pasture Masters for Westwood, Figholme and Swinemoor, 2 Governors and 2 Burgesses each; Surveyors of the Town lands, 3 Governors and 3 Burgesses; Sellers of the Toll corn, one Governor and 2 Burgesses.

John Jackson, Chamber Clerk, to attend a Commission out of the Court of Exchequer concerning mortuaries [see *f.* 69] on the 10th instant and act as Clerk,

20th October 1673. The Mayor to issue a warrant to levy 10/- weekly from John Raley and Samuel Dann for trading in the town not being Burgesses.

f. 78. 15th December 1673. £35. 18. 5 to be given in money and cloth this Christmas viz: £8. 12. 6 for mill rent, £6 for Mr. Grey of London and the rest according to Dr. Metcalf's will.

5th January 1673[-4]. The Chamber Clerk, at the expense of the Corporation to manage the traversing of three Indictments depending at the Assizes against the inhabitants of St. John's Parish and of Hullbrigg, Stork and Sandholme, concerning the highways.

2nd February 1673[-4]. The toll collector, John Butler, distrained a nag belonging to one Thomas Clay for refusing to pay Gatelaw when passing in or through the town, and impounded it in the Common Fold; Thomas Clay did not release it so it was "cryed, apprised and rung'd" according to law; William Sherwood who has charge of it to be paid 8d. a week for his charges until it be disposed of.

4/- paid to Mr. W. Coates [Receiver] for Cort Leet.

f. 79. 26th February 1673[-4]. The paper draft of the Tanners' orders being read, to be entered in the Great Parchment book, and also engrossed and signed by the Corporation for the Judges' confirmation at the next Assizes.

9th March 1673[-4]. A collection to be taken by the Governors and Burgesses in each ward for the sufferers by the late fire at Beckside.

A cause at the next Assizes at the suit of John Camell against William Carlin for distraining goods at Cottingham for Toll, to be managed at the charge of the Corporation, provided it appears on trial that it was for Toll.

30th March 1674. The Corporation to take out administration of the goods of Edmund Falkiner, who died intestate, for the use of his children Mary and Helen; and that the Mayor and others sell his goods, pay his debts, and account for the proceeds.

f. 80. 16th April 1674. The administration of Ed. Falkiner's goods brought into the Chamber.

f. 81. 7th May 1674. Particulars of the losses at the Beckside fire [*f.* 79] were reported; the amount of £37. 4. 8 having been collected for the sufferers.

There were 10 sufferers and the money was allocated to them proportionately to their losses—about half the loss in each case.

Joseph Lambert, M.A., assistant in St. Johns, elected schoolmaster of the Grammar School in place of John Forge decd; at a yearly salary of £20 and the £10 given by Dr. Metcalf's will.

The son of every free Burgess who pays to the poor to pay 2/- quarterly at the least. Provided he does not accept any other employment in the Church whilst he is Schoolmaster.

Edward Sanders, B.A. elected assistant in St. John's in place of Mr. Lambert.

1st June 1674. The Mayor brought in £45 realized by Ed. Falkiner's goods [*f.* 79] the same to be lent out upon security.

24 leathern buckets and two long hooks to be bought in case of fire, 12 to be kept with the hooks in the Minster and in the Town Hall. The Churchwardens of St. Mary's to provide other 12 buckets and two hooks for that church.

f. 82. 29th June 1674. Mr. Howson and John Jackson to attend York Assizes on the traversing of the Indictments of the inhabitants of St. John's parish; and to procure evidence and fee Counsel and do all other necessary things, and take the town's Patents and writings requisite. Also to attend the trial of the suit by Tho. Clay plaintiff against Jo. Butler defendant [*see f.* 78] and assist him with the defence.

6th July 1674. 16/8 for upsets of the Smiths' company paid by Alex. Stones, late warden; 3/4 for Brotherhood, Glovers, paid by Jo. Garforth late warden; 6/8 for two fines paid for the Butchers by Jo. Taylor, late warden.

13th August 1674. All dead goods forfeited, seized, and distrained in future to be brought to the Town Hall, and appraised; such appraisment to be paid by the Mayor who is to have the goods if he pleaseth to accept them.

The Court at the last assizes having made a Rule that the highway in St. John's Parish shall be repaired at an equal charge between the Parish and the Corporation, notification to be given to Mr. Warton that the Corporation are ready to perform their share and to ask him when the Parish will be ready.

William Wilberforce, Mayor.

f. 84. 8th October 1674. Usual annual appointment of officers. Two Waits' Chains and cognizances to be repaired and delivered to the Waits, and another to be bought for the third wait.

John Heward, a musician, to be sworn a Burgess, on providing security to pay 40/- next Christmas and three annual sums of £1. The said John then chosen one of the Town's Waits and to have 18/- a year as the other Waits have.

26th October 1674. Mr. Warton to be informed that the Corporation are willing to join with the Parish in the repair of Hulbridge highway either in providing men and carts or an equal sum of money.

f. 85. 17th December 1674. The annual distribution of money and cloth at Christmas this year amounts to £42. 1. 8

made up of Dr. Metcalf's £20 and an additional £7. 9. 2; Mill Rent £8. 12. 6 and Alderman Grey's £6. To be distributed in the several Wards of the town as follows:—Without North Bar £2. 10. 0; Within North Bar £2. 10. 0; Norwood, Hengate, and Walkergate £5. 10. 0; Saturday Market, £1. 5. 0; Newbiggin and Lairgate £6; Tolgavell £1. 5. 0; Wednesday Market £4. 5. 0; Kelgate and Minstermoorgate £6. 10. 0; Flemingate and Beckside £4. 0. 0; and in Cloth £8. 12. 6.

f. 86. 22nd March 1674[-5]. Mr. Warton on behalf of the Parish of St. John's having entered a Demurrer at the last Assize at York concerning the repair of the highways [see *f.* 82] the Indictment is likely to be removed into the King's Bench; the Mayor, Mr. Howson, John Jackson and others are to manage the business at the charge of the Corporation.

3/- for Cort Leet fines paid, viz. Mrs. Hewitt and Joan Palmer.

Jonathan Browne is appointed the common "metter" of coals which come to be sold in the town; and that he have 4d. per chalder of coal sold, to be paid by the seller; or a farthing a "water mett" which rateably comes to 4d. per chalder.

8th April 1675. Mr. Ward, a Student in St. John's College, Cambridge, being come into the country to save charges there for a time (he being in arrear to his Tutor), and requests his Exhibition to be continued. Granted in case he live until it become due.

f. 87. 19th April 1675. Robert Stapleton Esq. Recorder of the town, sworn a Burgess [no fine]. Richard Greybarne, "oatshiller" also sworn.

6th August 1675. Arrangements made to repair the Queensgate and Hulbridge highways at the joint expense of the town and St. John's Parish.

f. 88. 20th September 1675. An order prohibiting the digging of sand in Westwood except in places appointed by the Pasture Masters, under a penalty of 20/-.

John Dymoke, Mayor.

f. 89. 7th October 1675. The annual appointment of audit and the usual officers.

f. 90. 20th December 1675. The Christmas distribution to the poor of money and cloth amounts to £42. 6. 10 [see *f.* 85].

14th February 1675[-6]. William Tuting, son of Willm Tuting decd., desired the Corporation to take upon them his Tuition. Ordered that his request be granted and Letters of

Tuition taken out; and the Corporation to take care to secure what money was given him by his father.

Leading of Londoners' wares at Cross Fair let to M. Bovell for 3 years for £11 a year [see *f.* 72].

f. 92. £10 to be sent to Northampton, on an appeal from the Corporation, in respect of the great loss by the late dreadful fire there.

10th April 1676. In accordance with a verdict at the last Assizes the two highways, viz. Manton Gate to Hulbridge and Queensgate from Butt Lane to Theif horne, ordered to be repaired with all convenient speed.

An Order as to Cross Fair [similar to that at *f.* 55 of the Great Order Book, *infra*] prohibiting the sale of goods outside the limits of Londoners' street or before the fair opens on the Monday "seaven night" before Ascension Day. A marginal note "This order is not intended to hinder the tradesmen of this town from buying goods as formerly."

f. 93. 25th May 1676. Three pounds paid to Mr. Joseph Johnson, Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, the tutor of William Ward, on taking his degree of Bachelor of Arts.

13th July 1676. No ox or steer to depasture in Figholme [Pasture] under a penalty of 10/- each. Any beasts or horses put in any of the Common Pastures above the authorised number to be subject to a penalty of 10/- each.

f. 94. 18th September 1676. What moneys the town has received of the Churchwardens of St. Maries for the past 21 years, remaining upon their accounts at Easter, to be employed for the repair of the Church and Chancel which was made ruinous by the lightning and thunder last Saturday night.

John Fotherby, Mayor.

f. 95. 5th October 1676. Annual appointment of Audit Day and the usual officers.

John Musgrave, linen draper, sworn a burgess and freeman on payment of £1 now and giving security for a further £7. [An exceptional fine, the usual payment being £5 or £6. 13. 4].

John Risom and John Hewart, the Town Waits, displaced in respect of their insufficiency, and inquiry to be made for three sufficient men to serve in that office.

f. 96. 13th November 1676. James Smith, musician, sworn a Burgess and freeman, on payment of £6. 13. 4.

18th December 1676. £41. 5. 10 to be distributed to the poor being £26. 13. 4., Dr. Metcalf's dole; Mill Rent £8. 12. 6; and £6 Alderman Grey of London, Allocated to the nine wards [as at

f. 82]. Distributors one Governor and one Burgess for each Ward. 5th March 1676[-7]. Thomas Bowman, "Chirurgeon" son of James Bowman, sworn a Burgess and Freeman.

Christopher Blunt, tailor, also sworn on payment of £4 now and £4 next Michaelmas [another unusual fee].

f. 97. 9th May 1677. John Hewart, and the son and another servant of Mr. Smith, musician [see *f.* 95] to be admitted Waits for the town, provided they be approved for their skill in music, each to have for their first year cloth for a cloak and afterwards yearly at Christmas 20/- apiece.

18th June 1677. A suit at Common Law, brought against the Corporation's officers by George Lamplugh of Beverley for disturbing his goods at the Cross Fair 1676, to be "composed" by reference to two Arbitrators, viz., Mr. Weston on behalf of Lamplugh and Mr. Rokeby for the Corporation.

f. 98. 26th July 1677. The Innholders'¹ orders to be engrossed and sealed for confirmation by the Judges this Assizes at York.

27th August 1677. John Swongton, John Hewart, and Robert Martin chosen to be the Town's Waits; each to have cloth and lace for a cloak this year, and 20/- a year afterwards; to begin their evening watch on the 1st October and their morning watch on the 25th October, and end on the last of February yearly.

£21 received by the town from John Tuting for the use of his nephew whose Tutor the Corporation is.

f. 99. 10th September 1677. Toll and weighing of wool again let to John Butler for a year at £40 rent.

The warrants issued by the Mayor to levy fines and amercia-ments laid upon persons at the Court Leet to be duly executed, and the Mayor and his officers indemnified.

27th September 1677. Henry Allen chosen Deputy Gaoler, to have all the contingent fees incident to that office [see *f.* 100].

John Sugden, Mayor.

f. 100. 4th October 1677. Annual appointment of usual officers. Henry Allen, the new Gaoler, to have £4 per annum and a cloak yearly.

John Jackson, Clerk to the Chamber, to go to York to attend the King's Audit, to pay what is due from the town, and to receive what is due to the Corporation for the Assistant money.

f. 101. 17th December 1677. Sum to be distributed to the poor this Christmas £40. 0. 6. viz. Dr. Metcalf's lands £25. 8. 0; Westwood Mill £8. 12. 6; Mr. Grey £6. 0. 0.

¹ This is the only indication of the existence of an Innholders' Company or fraternity. The orders have not survived.

17th January 1677[-8]. The disputes between George Lamplugh [see *f.* 97] and the Corporation's officers concerning a levy made upon his tenants for selling goods in his shops during Fair time contrary to the order is referred to the arbitrament of Sir Edward Barnard, Thomas Alured and William Blount, Counsellors at Law; the parties to give bond and security to perform their award.

21st January 1677[-8]. Mr. Charles Legard, B.A., chosen Usher of the Grammar School at a yearly salary of £10.

f. 102. 4th April 1678. The goods of Daniel Gibson, convicted of felony at last York Assizes, sold to Wm. St. Quintin Esq. for £1. 18. 4 and paid over to the town's Receiver.

f. 103. 17th June 1678. Sir Edward Barnard, Recorder of Beverley, sworn a Burgess and Freeman; and to have two horse gates in Westwood from the 3rd May to Candlemas yearly.

26th August 1678. Matthew Alured Esq. was lately fined and paid 3/4 for stopping a watercourse in his gutter in Wednesday Market. It now appears he was not faulty so his 3/4 is repaid to him.

William Dunne, Mayor.

f. 104. 3rd October 1678. The annual appointment of officers.

James Sponton of Stokesley, musician, sworn a Burgess on giving his bond to pay £5 in two instalments.

James Sponton, John Risome and John Hewart elected Town Waits; to keep their morning watch yearly between 25th October and the end of February. Salary 20/- yearly each at Christmas. One of the Silver Chains and Cognizances to be delivered to John Risome and another to John Hewart.

f. 105. 14th October 1678. Mr. Stephen Clark, Minister, sometime Schoolmaster of Cottingham, chosen Minister of St. John's Church and Lecturer of the town in place of Elias Pawson, decd. Salary £50 yearly and also the £10 yearly given by Dr. Metcalf. A Presentation under the town seal to be delivered to him in order to the Lord Archbishop's admission.

18th November 1678. Ordered that, in respect of the present dangers by reason of a popish plot lately discovered, a watch be kept at the Beckside, Norwood, and the three barres every night until further order; the Mayor and Governors having had intelligence that several nights lately many horses have been heard passing the streets to and fro, but no account can be given of their business; and that two out of each ward be summoned night by night to keep the watch accordingly; a Governor and Burgess to take care to see that the watch be duly kept.

f. 106. 16th December 1678. The sum to be distributed to the poor this Christmas, in money and cloth, is £40. 0s. 6d. and is divided between the Governors and Burgesses for distribution in the nine wards.

10th March 1678[-9]. The leading of Londoners' wares next Cross Fair, let to Thomas Johnson for £7.

As the Churchwardens of St. Maries Church have let several leases of the Church lands without the privity of this Corporation, contrary to law, to the great damage of the Church, the advice of Counsel is to be taken as to what is to be done for the remedying thereof, and to proceed against the Churchwardens; and also to advise how the 20/- per annum given by Mr. Freeman to the poor of St. Martin's Parish is to be recovered.

f. 107. 17th March 1678[-9]. James, Archbishop of Samos, a Grecian, came into the Chamber and produced instruments relating to the sad condition of several Protestants in the Greek Church under the tyranny of the Turks; and having built a Greek Church in London by His Majesty's permission, but it is not yet perfected, and having received several considerable sums from Corporations and other noblemen and generous persons; Ordered that £5 be paid to him towards the said charitable work.

5th May 1679. The Sheriff's office at York, and the offices in London to be searched at the town's charge for all such Writs as were lately executed within this town, contrary to our Charter.

12th June 1679. The Mayor is desired to get the common handbell, the Lairgate Mezon dew bell, the North Bar Mezon dew bell, the Market Bell, and an old bell in the Town Hall, lately of Holme Church, cast into three bells, one for the Market, one for North Bar Mezon dew, and the third for the other Mezon dew, and a new handbell also.

[Folios 108 to 298 are separately bound in two volumes, having been detached from the original volume in 1846, and purloined, being subsequently recovered by the Corporation].

f. 108. 30th June 1679. The Upholsterers' standings at last Cross Fair were let for £1. 12. 6, and an Outshot adjoining Wednesday Market let at last Fair for 30/- is let to the same tenant for next Cross Fair at the like rent. A shop was let at the last Cross Fair for £5 to Mr. Francis Levet, and so from year to year so long as he shall keep the Fair. Three other shops were let for £4., £3. 10s. 0d., and £4 respectively.

4th July 1679. "Upon Mr. Maior's report this day that Capt. Jackson & Capt. Barber of Hull did threaten to send a file of musquetiers to take out of this Towne's Gaol one Wm. Forden & Camell now prisoners, Forden at the sute of James Wregget & Chr. Peacock & Camel at the sute of Sam Robinson; it is this day

ordered that Mr. Maior doe keepe the sd Forden & Camel in safe custody & if in case any force shall be made for their discharge that hee use any possible meanes for the securing the sd prisoners & for so doing to bee indemnified by this Corporation. & if any further or other trouble happen to arise agst the sd Mr. Maior concerning that matter hee shall be also indemnified by the sd Corporation."

21st July 1679. A Patent of King Henry 3rd for Demand of Toll and another of King Hen. 1st for Toll etc. delivered to two Governors wherewith to discourse the Lord Mayor of York concerning the citizens immunity from Toll with us.

A cloak to be bought for Thos. Spavin, Sergeant at Mace, and if he do not continue in office next year the cloak to be delivered to his successor who is to pay him for the cost of making and trimming the cloak.

The Mayor and two Governors to discourse with the Lord Mayor of York as to whether the citizens of York are toll free in Beverley. Two Patents, Henry 1st and Henry 3rd, delivered to them for the purpose.

Three rundlets of strong waters lately distrained by distringas, being the goods of William Dykes, at the suit of Mr. Dymoke, they being forfeited to this Corporation, to be delivered to Mr. Dymoke to be appraised at his cost and, if he keep them, to pay 20/- to the Corporation.

f. 109. 8th September 1679. Ten [an unusually large number] new Burgesses sworn; one at £6. 13. 4; two apprentices at 20/- and 8 sons of Burgesses, no fine.

Mr. Joseph Ellethorp, B.A., recommended by Dr. Watson of St. John's College, Cambridge, chosen Usher of the Grammar School. Salary £10 yearly.

Toll and weighing of wool let for a year at £40, to John Butler.

25th September 1679. A warrant issued against Samuel Barton for 20/- for unauthorised leading of goods last Cross Fair.

Thomas Johnson, Sen., Mayor.

f. 110. 24th November 1679. £5 granted to John Allanson, student at St. John's, Cambridge, towards procuring his degree of B.A.

Four new Burgesses, three at £6. 13. 4 and an apprentice at 20/-.

f. 111. 18th December 1679. £40. 0. 6 distributed to the poor in money and cloth.

Robert Appleton, mercer, admitted a Burgess for £10.

The salary of William Abbay, the town's cook, fixed at £10 yearly.

28th January 1679[-80]. Thomas Parkinson appointed the town's paver. Yearly salary 15/- and such wages for paving as his predecessor had.

f. 112. 9th February 1679[-80]. Leading of Londoners' goods [at Cross Fair] let for 3 years at £8 yearly, provided the fair be so long kept as formerly.

f. 113. 22nd March 1679[-80]. John Carlin appointed Swineherd. Salary 40/- yearly and a coat every Christmas.

17th April 1680. A letter from the "Counsell board" read, enquiring as to the administration of the Corporation Act. On enquiry it was found that Josiah Grey, William Matteson and John Acklam, Capital Burgesses of the Common Council of the town, had not received the Sacrament, and Grey and Acklam were accordingly displaced.

22nd April 1680. William Matteson, Capital Burgess chosen a Receiver of the town in the place of Josiah Grey, late displaced.

3rd June 1680. William Mattinson (*sic*) displaced by a letter from His Majesty and Council, for not receiving the Sacrament the year before his election, and William Coulson chosen Receiver in his place.

[No further entries until 13th September 1680].

f. 114. 13th September 1680. A new Burgess sworn for a fine of £8. [the usual fine was still £6. 13. 4].

30th September 1680. 2/6 paid for grass for a "waife heiffer."

William Coulson, Jun., Mayor.

f. 115. 23rd October 1680. Matthew Ashmole chosen an Attorney of the Court of Record for the town in place of John Forge decd.

f. 116. 20th December 1680. Jos. Otley, Sergeant at Mace to have a new cloak and 20/- yearly salary.

13th January 1680[-81]. Helen Bewshaw decd. having left her Estate to her daughter Helen aged 4 years and desired the Corporation to be her Curator and Guardians during her minority, it is agreed to do so, and the Mayor and others are asked to take out administration with the will annexed accordingly.

The fishing of Beverley Beck let for 5 years to Henry Allen, who is to give two days notice to the Mayor before every draught; with liberty to any Burgess to take fish by Angling.

f. 117. 7th March 1680[-1]. Sir John Hotham and Michael Warton, Esqr., Burgesses in Parliament for the town, having given £20 for the poor, it is to be distributed among the various Wards as the Christmas Dole is, but no person to have more than 1/- unless there is then any left over after the first distribution.

The Chamber Clerk to draw up a general release for Sir John Hotham and Michael Warton to sign, acquitting the town from all debts and demands due to them in respect of their services in Parliament heretofore.

f. 119. 9th June 1681. The Mayor to consult Sir Edward Barnard [Recorder] for advice with regard to an estreat granted against the Corporation concerning a deodand taken on the death of Mr. Shaw, one of the officers of Kingston upon Hull Corporation; and to employ Mr. Bethell to act therein, who is to have the Charter of Charles II to take to London on the matter.

f. 120. 29th August 1681. Emmanuel Hutton, late of Selby, Whitesmith, permitted to dwell in the town and exercise his trade on payment of £10, but not to have any advantages of a Burgess, and to be reputed an Alien and Stranger.

19th September 1681. £7. 5. 7½ realised by the goods of Ursula Clark, who was convicted of felony, at the last Assizes, and of Mary Blansherd, *felo de se*, brought in to the Chamber.

Capt. Edwd. Gray, Mayor.

f. 121. 6th October 1681. Annual appointment of usual officers.

24th October 1681. All the Wardens [of the trading companies] to appear before the Mayor and account for all money resting in their hands due to the Corporation.

7th November 1681. Seven persons licensed to be Creelers, Cadgers and Carriers of turves and coals for the year ensuing.

f. 122. 14th November 1681. 1/- apiece given to 19 or 20 persons who watched at the "scathe" fire on Saturday night in the houses in Burdat Middling Lane. Two clamps or graplins to be purchased for use at any future scathe fire.

21st November 1681. No money to be received by the Corporation in future to be secured for Orphans or other persons but at £4 *per cent.*; the same to be let out at interest but not to be added to the Corporation's stock.

f. 123. 12th December 1681. The Christmas dole for the poor at Christmas this year amounted to £32. 0. 6.

Six persons having suffered loss to the amount of £24. 16. 6 by the fire in Burdat Middling Lane, and £20. 7. 5½ collected in the

town for their relief, this sum was distributed to the sufferers proportionately.

A lengthy order, reciting the abuses of selling fish by hawking it from house to house instead of keeping standings in either of the Market Places, whereby the inhabitants cannot be supplied as they have occasion, it is ordered that all persons bringing fish to the town must take it to the common shambles for sale, before 6 o'clock in summer and 8 o'clock in winter. Penalty for selling otherwise 6/8; or for buying except at the market 10/-.

f. 124. 23rd January 1681[-2]. The "Averidge" of a close, called Wincopp close, sold for £10.

Raiph Knowles chosen the Town's Bedle. Salary 40/- yearly and cloth for a "blew" coat.

6th February 1681[-2]. 20/- paid to Sir Edward Barnard for advice in drawing an order for burial of persons dying at seasonable times.

f. 125. 27th February 1681[-2]. Emmanuel Hutton [*f.* 120] ordered to depart from the town, and to have his £10 repaid to him.

6th March 1681[-2]. A draft of the Innholders' orders now read and approved ordered to be ingrossed and sealed for confirmation by the Judges at the next Assizes.

f. 126. 3rd April 1682. Any person suffering swine to go abroad in the town not being "rongd and yoked" other than those under the care of the Swineherd; penalty 12d. [Marginal note—made void 4th October 1683].

f. 127. 4th May 1682. Robt. Webster decd. having left his real estate to his daughter Henrietta Maria, and requested the Corporation to undertake her education in consideration of the rents and profits during her minority, it is agreed to undertake the trust.

f. 128. 11th May 1682. Henrietta Maria Webster boarded with Mr. Jo. Dymoke for £10 per annum for meat, drink, washing and lodging.

The goods and chattels of James Hardy lately attached by Writ of Distringas "out of this Court" at the suit of Stephen Bell, now forfeited to this Corporation for non-claim in time, to be sold and 40/- paid to Bell for his debt, any surplusage to be employed towards binding his youngest son apprentice.

3rd June 1682. A letter read from Mr. Secretary Jenkins at Whitehall, directed to Mr. Mayor, "concerning the present estate of His Majesty's health." Mr. Mayor is desired to return what answer he pleaseth.

f. 129. 17th July 1682. Kingston upon Hull demand toll from the Burgesses of Beverley and they desire a conference with the Governors about it; Mr. Howson and others are desired to attend.

11th September 1682. The brasses and iron gudgeons of the great bell of the Minster lately prepared by John Atkinson, whitesmith, being found insufficient for the purpose, he is to amend them at his own cost within 26 days or otherwise to be sued by the Corporation.

A letter read from the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of York requesting a collection for two of their City in Algiers; their request is granted and whoever will take the pains allowed to do so.

Wm. Nelson, Mayor.

f. 130. 5th October 1682. Annual appointment of usual officers.

John Rysom, son of Peter, appointed one of the Town's Waits, to join with the other two, now being.

John Atkinson, whitesmith, who repaired the bells of the Minster [*f.* 129] now confesses that he sold forty pounds weight of the bell, and is now willing to make satisfaction. He is ordered to pay the £1. 6. 8 which he received for metal and as much more as was laid out in the discovery thereof.

9th November 1682. The Toll Collector to have 10/- for distraining a parcel of Crape bought at last Cross Fair, contrary to the order, for which 40/- came into the town's purse.

f. 131. 18th December 1682. Owing to the heavy expense of repairs of the lands in Cambridge the amount available for the poor this Christmas under Dr. Metcalf's will is only £15 which together with the £6 given by Alderman Grey of London and the Mill Rent £8. 12. 6 makes a total sum for distribution of £29. 12. 6.

f. 132. 25th January 1682[-3]. A further sum of £4. 18. 0 given by the County Justices distributed amongst the sufferers from the fire in Burdat Midding Lane [*f.* 123].

f. 133. 12th March 1682/3. The leading of Londoners' wares next Cross Fair let for £6. 13. 4.

22nd March 1682/3. Thomas Scoley admitted a Burgess on payment of £8 [usual fee still £6. 13. 4].

f. 134. 19th April 1683. William Davies, Clerk, of Beverley, chosen Assistant Curate of St. John's and St. Martin's [the Minster parishes] in the place of Edward Saunders decd. Yearly salary £16 which is paid by His Majesty. Mr. Davies to have a presentation to the benefice under the Town's seal.

23rd April 1683. Two attorneys at Law admitted Burgesses for £6. 13. 4 each.

f. 135. 2nd May 1683. Mr. Marmaduke Nelson, Attorney at Law, chosen an Attorney of the Court of Record.

11th June 1683. £3 received of Mr. Dawnay for the deodand of his horse which occasioned the death of his servant.

28th June 1683. A Linen Draper sworn a Burgess for £8.

f. 136. 16th July 1683. Sir Edward Barnard, Recorder, to draw up a congratulatory Address to His Majesty concerning his deliverance and the deliverance of his Royal Brother from the horrid plot lately discovered.

Letters to be sent to Sir John Hotham and Mr. Warton, late Burgesses [in Parliament] for the Borough, asking that they will please release the Corporation of all demands as Burgesses.

2nd August 1683. The congratulatory address to His Majesty was delivered by the Duke of Somerset, who wrote reporting His Majesty's acceptance, and thanks to the Corporation.

Sir John Hotham to be asked to meet the members of the Corporation to offer such discourse as may preserve a right understanding between him and the Corporation.

f. 137. 27th August 1683. The key of the weighing house to be delivered to the Warden of the Butchers for their use and others requiring to make use of it. It contains, a scale balk; 1 pair of scales; 3 four-stone weights; 1 two-stone weight; 1 stone weight and a 7 lb. weight, which the Warden and his brethren promise to maintain. Signed by the mark of Bryan Wilson, Warden.

Toll and weighing of wool for the year again let to John Butler for £40.

A guinea piece of gold given to Sir Edward Barnard for drawing up an Address to His Majesty.

24th September 1683. Being the election day of the new Mayor. A list of 26 Burgesses [set out] presented by the Mayor and Governors to the Commons, Burgesses of this town, for the election of 13 Capital Burgesses for the year ensuing. [The names of the 13 elected Burgesses are set out].

f. 138. 27th September 1683. The Master of the house of correction in Beverley to have 8d. a week for his more careful looking unto Mary Halliday.

Matthew Ashmole, Mayor.

f. 139. 4th October 1683. Annual appointment of usual officers.

No swine to go abroad in any of the streets or lanes of the town or liberties unless well "rongd and yoaked." Penalty 4d. each. The town Bedle to look to it, and to take the fines for his pains. Swine under the care of the Swineherd excepted.

One of the waits' chains to be repaired, and another new one made.

f. 140. 13th October 1683. Edward Coulson, tanner, one of the Capital Burgesses, did not receive the Sacrament according to law in the year preceding his election, and is consequently displaced.

22nd October 1683. The Mayor and two Governors to endeavour to discourse with some gentlemen for their assistance in procuring a new Fair for all manner of goods and merchandizes about the 14th February yearly; and to write to London to know the charge thereof when procured. [This Fair was in fact granted in the Charter of James II].

19th November 1683. A tenement known as the Pillory, let for 11 years at the same rent as heretofore.

f. 141. 17th December 1683. Dividend for the poor this Christmas £33. 2. 6.

f. 142. 24th December 1683. A letter signed by the Mayor, eight Governors and nine Capital Burgesses sent to Sir John Hotham, late Burgess in Parliament, to request his release to the Borough of all demands as such Burgess.

21st January 1683[-4]. Owing to the sad condition of the poor of the town in respect of this long storm, a sum of £5 is voted, together with what more can be collected, to be distributed.

In regard of the great respect which Sir Ralph Warton has lately shown to the town and Corporation, as well in his letter to the Duke of Somerset to present to His Majesty the humble address of the Corporation, as also his free promise of assistance to procure a new fair, and also as Lieut.-Colonel of the Regiment of the said Duke in procuring the trained bands of the East Riding to appear here and continue for four days to the great advantage of the town, the said Sir Ralph is to be thanked and offered his freedom as a Burgess free of charge.

Upon a proposal concerning the provision of a fat buck yearly by each Sir John Hotham and Mr. Warton, to be eaten by the members of this Chamber; in respect of the charge thereof to this Corporation it is agreed that no such venison be accepted from either gentleman.

f. 143. [Copies of the correspondence between the Corporation and Sir John Hotham referred to above are set out verbatim, to the following effect].

16th July 1683. [The Mayor to Sir John]. Expressing the obligation of the Corporation for his services especially as a representative of the town in Parliament, at his own charges, and "although wee have your acknowledgment of that but in the two last Parliaments yet are satisfied you have that sense of honor about you, you will never expect much less require that which the law would otherwise give you for your former service since the

King's Restoration; but in respect of mortality" your executors may demand payment, therefore we desire you to give such discharge as may bar any demand which you yourself would not claim.

24th December 1683. [The Corporation to Sir John]. Confirming that the last letter had the authority of the Corporation, and humbly pressing for the release asked for "that the world may see you have no other end than the service of your country in general and this Corporation in particular at your own charge."

1st January 1683[-4]. [Sir John to the Corporation]. An indignant letter referring to his 20 years' untiring zeal to the prejudice of his health and fortune, and suggesting that the request was inspired by a few extravagant men "who are equally false to mee and your government" and concluding "if I shall have reason to beleieve the friendship of the Corporation and Burrow of Beverley dies not before mee, then I intend at my death they shall receive the release they desire as a legacy from their most faithfull servant."

f. 144. 18th February 1683[-4]. Twenty chalder of coal to be bought next summer and laid by to be sold to the poor the following year at cost price.

Thomas Hood chosen Swineherd. Salary 40/- yearly and a Coat.

Thomas Smith, a scholar at the Grammar School, certified to be fit for the University, to have the benefit of the Exhibition granted by the Will of Mrs. Farrer.

17th March 1683/4. Two little silver tankards being old and thin and a little salt and the old pocket seal to be exchanged at the next Fair for one large tankard.

f. 145. 7th April 1684. Whereas Mr. John Brereton, Rector of St. Nicholas with St. Maries, has given the Corporation a large silver Tankard, one large Common Prayer Book for the Mayor's pew in St. Marie's Church, the King's Arms set up in a large frame, the Prince's feathers in another frame, and the town's arms in another frame, all hanged up in the Guildhall and very richly done, he is esteemed by the Corporation one of their great benefactors and is given their hearty thanks [but see *f.* 193].

8th May 1684. The Mayor produces a silver tankard, two salts and a silver tumbler which he bought for 6/- and the old silver [*f.* 144].

The advice of Counsel to be taken as to how best to secure the town against the demand of Sir John Hotham [*f.* 143].

f. 146. 30th June 1684. A letter to be written to the Mayor of Hull complaining of Hull demanding and receiving money for toll of one Wm. Agar, a burgess and freeman of Beverley.

The Surveyors and the Pasture Masters of Swinemoor to view Swinemoor Well and prepare it for a drinking or bathing "Spaw."

In case the Lord Chief Justice "Geoffreys" and the other Judge for this circuit hold Assizes at Hull they are to be invited to accept a treat at the Mayor's house in Beverley at the charge of this Corporation.

f. 147. 21st July 1684. Mr. Wytham Leaynes elected Schoolmaster of the school-house belonging to St. Marie's church, and by the assent of Mr. Brereton, the Minister, to have liberty to teach there according to his capacity.

Samuel Wilberforce son of Mr. William Wilberforce, one of the Governors, sworn a Burgess and freeman.

The "Averidge" of the lands in Kelgate Leazes, sold to Abigail Johnson for £10.

A parcel of ground called a bleaching place, without North Bar nigh the Willows, sold to Mr. Coulson for £20.

24th July 1684. The Mayor and others to carry up the town's Charter of Charles II and resign it unto His Majesty and petition for a new one.

A narrow parcel of ground between the Butchers' Row and Ladygate sold to John Coates for £10.

f. 148. 4th August 1684. The Chamber Clerk to enter an Order in the parchment book of Orders for the resignation of the Charter, and to draw up the Instrument of resignation and Petition for regranting a new Charter; and that an Audit be held to ascertain what money is resting in the Receivers' hands, all of which is to be paid to the Mayor and two Governors to be employed in procuring the new Charter.

11th August 1684. The Seal passed to five leases; a Conveyance; a Mortgage for £100; a Bond for £55 and one for £10; Letter of Attorney to the Mayor and others to surrender the Charter; Resignation of the Charter and Petition for a new one.

[No meetings until].

f. 149. 10th November 1684. 20/- a year to be paid to two old Sergeants of the town for their present necessity.

Toll and weighing of wool again let to John Butler for a year for £40.

f. 150. 15th December 1684. Christmas dole to the poor for this year £27. 12. 6.

Cloaks to be bought for the Gaoler, Cook, and three Sergeants, and also officers' coats as usual.

21st February 1684[-5]. Sir Edward Barnard, Recorder, to draw up an Address to our Sovereign Lord King James II,

to be worded at his discretion and be signed by the Mayor, Governors and Capital Burgesses and as many others as can be procured.

23rd February 1684[-5]. A letter from the Lord Chief Justice to the Mayor and Aldermen, touching the election of Burgesses in the next Parliament, this day read and published to the Common Burgesses of this town now assembled.

f. 151. 12th March 1684[-5]. In case Sir John Hotham at any time sue any of the Burgesses for any money due to him as a representative for this Borough in any Parliament in the time of King Charles II, the Corporation will indemnify them.

Christopher Chappelow, Mayor.

f. 152. [No date ? March 1685]. [The first meeting of the Corporation under their new style of "Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses" according to the Charter of James II].

All byelaws and ordinances heretofore made to remain in force until further order.

Thirty new Burgesses ordered to be sworn of whom six were Apprentices at the usual fine of 20/-, and the rest being free born, no fine.

The appointment of Surveyors and Pasture Masters for the year.

26th March 1685. Seven more new Burgesses, all free born, sworn, and one Daniel Carver, Attorney at Law, for £5.

f. 154. 23rd April 1685. A lengthy minute reciting the surrender of the Charles II Charter whereby all the offices of the town and corporation were made void; the new Charter of James II; the existence of the local Court of Record at which there were three Attornies, viz., John Jackson, Marmaduke Nelson and Benjamin Hayward; that Jackson and Nelson had petitioned the Corporation to be restored to that office but that Hayward, who had been busy opposing the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen in the late election of members to serve in Parliament, so far from petitioning had, in a saucy and peremptory manner, demanded his practice in the said Court as he never gave his consent to surrendering the Charter and states that if the King displace all the Judges, he still remains an Attorney of the Court. Ordered that he be displaced of his office of Attorney of the Court of Record.

30th April 1685. The three ex-Governors who were sent to London to procure the new Charter submitted the account of their disbursements. They were away 22 weeks on the business [the King having died while they were in London] and expended £438. 13. 4 of which they had borrowed £175 in London. To repay this Mr. Warton had offered to lend £100 free for a year and the remainder the Corporation paid. They were thanked for their

pains and granted 40/- each to purchase three gold rings with the town's arms on them.

f. 156. 27th May 1685. Mr. Marmaduke Nelson to defend the Corporation in an action at Westminster by Mr. Benjamin Hayward calling on the Corporation to show cause why he may not be permitted to practise as an Attorney in the Court of Record [*f.* 154].

15th August 1685. A treat to be prepared for the entertainment of the Lord Archbishop of York when he comes to the town at his next Visitation.

Twenty "Chalderon" of coals to be bought for sale to the poor as before [*f.* 144].

f. 157. 31st August 1685. 10/- received from the Joiners and 3/4 from the Cordwayners for contributions and upsets.

Thomas Statter, Mayor.

f. 158. 15th October 1685. Annual appointment of officers.

10th November 1685. 6d. paid by the Joiners' Warden in respect of a tub seized by the Searchers as insufficient.

Reported the Decree of the Court at York on an action between the Corporation and the inhabitants of Bishop Burton who have the right of Common for swine in Westwood, that all such swine depastured there shall be sufficiently "rong."

Two barrels of good ale to be sent to Richard Grayham Esq., Principal of Clifford's Inn, as a token of the Corporation's respect.

f. 159. 17th December 1685. The Christmas Dole for the poor this year is £41. 3. 9.

f. 160. 18th January 1685[-6]. Henry Elliot, B.A., appointed Usher of the Grammar School. Salary £10.

Swine sent abroad in the streets not sufficiently "rongd" with double rings. Penalty 1/- each and to be impounded until the fine paid. Informers to have 6d. of each 1/- fine.

The new fair under the James II Charter to be held on the Thursday before the 14th February yearly. Horses and sheep, Without North Bar; Cattle, Within North Bar; other goods in Saturday Market.

Thomas Gott chosen the Town's Paver; to have 15/- yearly to buy a cloak.

1st March 1685[-6]. One of Dr. Metcalf's Exhibitions of £6. 13. 4 per annum to the University of Cambridge granted to Richard Sisseson.

f. 161. 4th March 1685[-6]. Another Exhibition of £6. 13. 4 to St. John's College, Cambridge, granted to Thomas Smith.

Leading of Londoners' Wares next Cross Fair let for £6. 13. 4.
12th April 1686. £5 paid to William Hardwick towards the loss by the fire in his house.

f. 162. 7th June 1686. Richard Sisseson [*f.* 160] to have Dr. Lacey's Exhibition of £8 per annum.

f. 163. 2nd August 1686. A fat buck presented by Mr. Warton accepted notwithstanding a former Order [*f.* 142] and to be made ready at Mr. Dibney's house on the 12th instant.

f. 164. 20th September 1686. Dr. Metcalf's Exhibition of £6. 13. 4 and Dr. Lacie's of £8 granted to Thomas Elcock, a student at St. John's College, Cambridge.

25/- paid to Dr. Humber for curing a sore leg of John Thompson.

27th September 1686. A list of the 26 Burgesses nominated by the Mayor and Aldermen out of which to choose 13 Capital Burgesses for the ensuing year.

John Acklam, Mayor.

f. 165. 18th October 1686. The James II Charter to be taken to London to produce at the Court of Exchequer concerning the Sheriff of the County estreating all fines issues and amerciaments happening within the town, the same being granted to this Corporation by the Charter.

Swine going abroad in the streets between the feasts of Michaelmas and the Annunciation not sufficiently "yoaked and rongd." Penalty 6d. Any person impounding such swine to have the penalty for his pains.

8th November 1686. £11. 1. 8 brought in, levied of several Conventicles of which £3. 6. 6 is due to the Informers, and £6. 13. 4 to the Overseers of the Poor of St. Martin's Parish where the Conventicle was. £1 given for the apprenticing of William Gibson's son.

7th February 1686[-7]. A new carpet to be bought for the Communion Table at the Minster.

11th April 1687. 10/- a week to be levied henceforth of William Ward for trading in the town, until he be made a freeman and burgess.

f. 169. 30th May 1687. Thomas Smith, whitesmith, to have liberty to trade in the town on payment of £6. 13. 4, but not to have any other benefit of a burgess and freeman until he take the oath of a burgess.

11th June 1687. The difference between Beverley and Hull concerning Hull demanding Toll of the Burgesses of Beverley

[*f.* 146] referred to two Counsel to be argued before the Judges at the next Assizes at York Castle.

f. 170. 8th July 1687. The Judges who hold the Assizes this day at Kingston upon Hull invited to accept a treat in Beverley on their journey to York.

29th August 1687. 2/6 paid by Mary Alforth for washing puddings at the Walkergate Well.

John Gunby, Mayor.

f. 172. 17th October 1687. The deeds of St. Giles' Crofts taken out to be carried to Mr. James Nelthorp in London in order to settle £200 for the use of the poor of the town.

f. 174. 21st November 1687. Richard Baker, Neatherd of Swinemoor, to collect the Toll Corn in future. Salary 10/- at Christmas over and above the ordinary fees therefor.

12th December 1687. A treat to be arranged for the Lord Langdale the Governor of Hull, he intending for Beverley on Wednesday next.

f. 175. 19th December 1687. There being three Exhibitors at Cambridge this year there is only £14. 13. 4. available for the poor this Christmas out of the rent of the Over land, which with the Mill Rent of £8. 12. 6 and Alderman Grey's money £6 makes a total of £29. 5. 10 for distribution.

f. 176. 16th January 1687[-8]. Francis Dewick sworn a Burgess and Freeman for £10; William Denby also for £5. Three Apprentices also, 20/- each.

f. 177. 20th February 1687[-8]. 40/- paid to Edward Webster for the liberty of his house for the Soldiers to keep guard.

f. 180. 4th June 1688. Security to be given by the four Closes called St. Giles' Crofts that the annual sum of £16 be paid to two scholars at the University of Cambridge in consideration of the £350 devised to the Corporation for that purpose by the Will of Dr. Lacie.

Security to be given by the lands at Weel for the payment of £6 per annum to the poor of St. Maries in respect of a sum of £100 given by Michael Warton Esq., for that purpose; and also for the disposal of the interest on £50 part of £150 given by the Will of the late Alderman Dymoke.

Marmaduke Compling, one of the Constables for Wednesday Market Ward, is threatened to be sued by one James Alpha, a shoemaker of London, for coming into his shop and assaulting him

last Londoners' fair [Cross Fair]. The Corporation to indemnify him provided he did nothing which he as a Constable ought not to have done.

f. 181. 18th June 1688. Thomas Alured, Counsellor at Law, the new Recorder, sworn a Burgess and Freeman; and to have two horse gates in Westwood.

f. 183. 7th July 1688. Twelve Burgesses (out of the 26 named on the election in September last), now nominated by the Mayor and Aldermen to the Commons assembled, to choose four to be of the Common Council in the place of Henry Johnson, Henry Thirsk, Edward Webster and Edward Coulson late displaced by His Majesty in Counsel. Thomas Nocles, Thomas Hassell, William Webster and William Denton elected, and sworn.

f. 184. 23rd July 1688. Authority given to Samuel Atkinson of North Frodingham for one month to ask charity in Beverley towards the reparation of his loss of £200 by a fire.

Thomas Johnson, Mayor.

f. 187. 19th November 1688. A pump to be bought for the Common Well on the Cornhill in Saturday Market; and that a collection be taken from the Gentlemen of the town to defray the cost. Also that the Pillory there be removed to the house called "the pillory."

f. 189. 7th January 1688/9. Of the £10 given by Sir Michael Warton for a treat to the Corporation £8. 4. 2 was spent. 5/- given to the Cook and 10/10 to Henry Allen for his linen, etc. So there rests £1.

28th January 1688[-9]. John Robinson has liberty to raise the pavement along the front of his new house in Toll Gavel level with the common causeway; provided he keep the channel so that there may be a free passage for water.

f. 190. A sun dial ordered to be set up in Saturday Market.

f. 191. 18th March 1688[-9]. 40/- contributed by the Corporation to Richard Fenby of Walkington on account of his great loss by a dreadful fire there.

f. 192. 15th April 1689. Four Aldermen to go to Hull at the next visitation to enquire what is become of the two collections for the French Protestants,

f. 193. 19th April 1689. The four Aldermen last mentioned are desired to prosecute Mr. John Brereton, Minister of St. Marie's Church, for purloining as well a considerable sum of money collected in the town for relief of the French Protestants as also other moneys collected at several Sacraments in the Church, in case he refuse to make a legal resignation of his benefice.

23rd April 1689. Mr. Brereton came in to the Chamber and resigned his right and title to the Churches of St. Maries and St. Nicholas unto the use of the Archbishop of York.

f. 194. 29th April 1689. Robert Scott, a Scotchman, to be sworn a Burgess and freeman, provided he pay £6 this week; if not he is not to be admitted afterwards but the Mayor to issue his warrant to levy 10/- a week for as many weeks as he shall be proved to have traded in the town.

f. 195. 1st July 1689. Ten pounds given by the Earl of Kingston when in the town to be distributed to the poor.

f. 196. 16th September 1689. The Butchers' Shambles, the Fish Shambles and the Toll and Weighing of wool let to John Butler for a year at £42 rent.

The expense at the eating of a fat buck given by Sir Michael Warton was 17/7; and 10/- to H. Allen for fuel linen and pains in preparing it.

f. 197. 3rd October 1689. Fines paid for absence from Council meetings, Aldermen 1/-, and Burgesses 6d., now amount to 8/6 of which 3/6 to be spent among the Burgesses and 5/- amongst the Aldermen.

Edward Wilbert, Mayor.

f. 199. 28th October 1689. The Mayor asked to appoint one of the Aldermen as Deputy Mayor to act in his absence from time to time.

A long recital of the rights under Charter to make Byelaws for the common weal of the town; and that the Corporation pay £4 yearly to the Crown for the liberty of passage by water between Beverley and Hull; ordered that no goods shall be sent from Beverley to Hull by water except in such vessels as are appointed and provided by the tenant who farms the water passage from the Corporation. Penalty 6/8.

The water passage to Hull let to Roger Mason for 5 years at the same rent as in the old lease, provided he keep two good and sufficient boats, one to be a close decked boat, and that he attend to take in goods at reasonable times,

f. 201. 16th December 1689. The money for the poor this Christmas is £32. 5. 10; there being three Exhibitioners at Cambridge.

The Mayor produced and was paid an account of £14. 1. 1 disbursed for the conveying Wagons with their ammunition, and sick soldiers of the Danish forces lately landed at Hull.

f. 202. 4th April 1690. The money resting of what Sir Michael Warton and Wm. Gee Esq. gave to be laid out in the purchase of a carpet and cushions for the town's Chamber. [One of these cushions was in use in the Guildhall until 1930].

f. 203. 5th June 1690. A licence for drawing and retailing wines granted for a year to William Hardwick.

f. 204. 8th June 1690. The Archbishop of York, being expected here next Tuesday at a Visitation, to be entertained to a Dinner. [The cost was £15. 6. 9].

7th July 1690. Any person building a house who encroaches on the street by building to the "outend of the geetyes" or otherwise. Penalty £20.

f. 205. 8th September 1690. The Mercers and Drapers ask for a copy of their Orders from the parchment book, and the Clerk is to let them have one.

12th September 1690. A draft of Ordinances for the better Government of the Fraternity or Company of Merchants or Mercers, Woollen Drapers and Grocers approved and ordered to be engrossed and sealed so that the Brethren may procure the Judges' approval to them at this Assizes.

22nd September 1690. Liberty is given to make a convenient ground for a horse course in Westwood; the Surveyors to appoint posts to be used in that behalf.

f. 206. 2nd October 1690. The Mayor to have 40/- for beer, sauces and linen when the Archbishop and his company were treated.

Matthew Ashmole, Mayor.

f. 207. 13th October 1690. Richard Newcome appointed Town's Husband in the place of Henry Allen, decd. Yearly salary £6. 13. 4 and cloth for a cloak. He to have the gathering of the Toll Corn as Allen formerly had.

Roger Browne appointed Deputy Gaoler in place of Allen. Salary £4; a yearly cloak and the usual fees and advantages.

27th October 1690. One Alderman and the two Receivers to enquire after the Town's weights and see that they be exact according to law.

The bell to go about to give notice that persons bringing corn or other goods to the market may not leave their horses standing on the Market Place or streets but must carry them to some stable or yard. Penalty 1/-. The town's husband or Sergeants at Mace to put offending horses into the common fold to abide the payment of the fine.

f. 208. For divers good causes John Jackson, Clerk to the Chamber, is disfranchised from his Burgessship, with his consent; and is continued in all his respective offices.

10th November 1690. The Market Keeper to keep the weighing house clean and preserve the weights and scales there, and to have 5/- yearly for his pains.

f. 209. 15th November 1690. Penalty for absence from meetings of the Chamber without lawful excuse 1/-.

Sir Michael Warton has offered a Doe and £10 to the Corporation this Christmas; a feast is arranged accordingly on 1st January.

29th December 1690. £5 given to Thomas Elcock towards the charge of his son taking his degree of Bachelor of Arts in St. John's College, Cambridge.

f. 212. 23rd February 1690[-1]. The old great silver salt to be exchanged for another new fashioned; the feet from the old one to be used again.

The Archbishop to be asked to allow the taking of free stones from Holmes Church [St. Nicholas Church, then ruinous] for the repair of the Minster and St. Maries.

f. 213. 6th April 1691. Six score trees now standing in the Hurn sold for £26.

25th May 1691. If any Alderman or Burgess of the Chamber be absent from the Town's Hall upon summons for crying the fair on fair days, and do not go with the Mayor to cry the fair; penalty for Aldermen 2/-, Burgesses 1/-.

20th June 1691. £100 lately received under Alderman Dymoke's will to be invested on the security of land in Hornsea, for 3 years.

13th July 1691. The Surveyors to see to the School House being made more warm and convenient for the Master and Scholars.

The Judges who hold the Assizes in Hull this month are invited to a treat on their way to York.

f. 215. 24th August 1691. Contributions and upsetts paid this day—Mercers and Drapers 10/-; Skinners etc. 10/-; Butchers' fines for hawking 6/8, Bakers 1/8.

Nathaniel Shirt, tailor, to be sworn a Burgess on payment of £5, and if he refuse to pay to be sent out of the town.

f. 216. 5th October 1691. Mr. Chr. Chappelow, twice Mayor, being now brought into a low condition, he is granted a yearly pension of £7.

Thomas Dunne, Mayor.

f. 217. 19th October 1691. Alderman Wilbert has liberty to bring in a "forraigner" workman to do a piece of work on his kiln, there being no one in the town capable of doing it; but not to be a precedent.

23rd November 1691. The Mayor desired to see that the Great Mace is amended at the Town's charge.

Richard Newcome, the town's husband, is appointed the Common Cryer of the town, and to have a "carsey" coat at Christmas yearly.

f. 219. 1st February 1691[-2]. The Town's Waits to have 3/- for their music on 1st January last at the eating of venison given by Sir Michael Warton. A letter of thanks sent to Sir Michael for the venison and the £5 which he sent.

3rd March 1691[-2]. £5 to be distributed among the poor of St. Martin's Parish in respect of the hard season.

f. 220. 20th April 1692. The leading of Londoners' goods [at Cross Fair, let for some years past for £6. 13. 4] let this year for £5.

30th May 1692. Mrs. Elizabeth Keale, wife of Thomas Keale late of Lynn in Norfolk ordered to leave the town within 28 days, or be removed as the law directs.

f. 221. 5th September 1692. Six score trees in the Hurn sold for £21.

f. 222. 3rd October 1692. Mr. Elias Forge, B.A. chosen Assistant Curate of St. John's and St. Martin's. Yearly stipend £16.

Six score trees in the Hurn sold for £24.

Benjamin Lambert, Mayor.

f. 225. 19th December 1692. Jo: Carlin chosen Town Bedle. Yearly salary 40/- and a coat.

f. 226. 27th March 1693. Dr. Metcalf's Exhibition of £6. 13. 4 and Dr. Lacey's of £8 for a student at St. John's College, Cambridge granted to Robert Lambert, son of Joseph Lambert the Master of the Grammar School.

f. 227. 1st May 1693. Notice given to the inhabitants of Bishop Burton to ring or peg their swine; any found depastured in Westwood in default to be carried to the common pound.

f. 228. 25th May 1693. Mr. Nelson, Attorney at Law, to procure from the Tower of London copies of such grants as set forth what immunities from Toll and Gatelaw are granted to the inhabitants of St. John's [Parish] or to the tenants of the property of St. John's.

Robert Appleton, Mayor.

f. 232. 12th October 1693. Richard Meadley appointed Clock Keeper at the Minster. Salary £4.

30th October 1693. A warrant issued against George Hodgson, tailor, to levy 10/- for exercising the trade of a tailor for one week, not being a Burgess and Freeman.

4th December 1693. Sir Michael Warton sends £10 to be employed for carrying on the business of bone-lace making in the Charity House.

f. 233. 29th January 1693[-4]. The Clerk to enter in the parchment book of orders the abatements of salaries of officers now approved. [See p. 112].

f. 234. 23rd April 1694. £5 given to the sufferers by the late fire at York.

18th June 1694. Ben: Mainwaring sworn a Burgess on payment of £8. [The usual fine was still £5 or £6. 13. 4].

Ambrose Fisher and three others to be sued at Common Law for a trespass in breaking the town's Iron Chain at Hulbridge.

f. 235. 3rd July 1694. The town's seal passed to a Certificate to Dr. John Arnold Kerner for a cure upon a "haire lip" of the son of Alderman Dunne, and also of a leprosy of Thomas Blanshard of Holme on Spalding Moor; and also of the civil behaviour of the Doctor during his residence here.

30th July 1694. Paid a bill of £8. 11. 2 spent in treating the Judges of the Northern Circuit last Monday; also another note of £2. 0. 5, part thereof being for "Sider" for the Judges' servants being disallowed and only £1 being allowed.

20th September 1694. The new Orders [as to Trading, see Part II *f.* 57] settled by Mr. Recorder now read to be entered in the Parchment Book.

Roger Mason, Mayor.

f. 236. 15th October 1694. Mr. Mayor to send forth his warrant directed to the Sergeants at Mace to levy all such fines

and amerciaments as were entered last year, and also in the future. The Mayor and officers to be indemnified in the execution thereof by the Corporation.

10th December 1694. Sir Michael Warton sends two Does and £5 for a treat to the Corporation next New Year's Day.

17th December 1694. All the trees remaining in the Hurn to be sold for £2. 10. 0 apiece. [94 sold on the 14th January 1694/5 at this price].

f. 237. 21st January 1694[-5]. A humble address to be presented to His Majesty to condole with him on the death of his late Royal Consort the Queen.

11th February 1694[-5]. Lots drawn to chose three Aldermen and three Burgesses to go about the town and collect contributions towards scouring and cleansing the Beck by way of a sluice.

f. 238. 4th March 1694[-5]. Two livery cloaks to be obtained for Tho: Spavin and Tim: Brown to attend the Sheriff at the Assizes; they to furnish themselves with horses and pay their own charges, and to have the cloaks for their pains.

18th March 1694[-5]. The Surveyor to discourse with Samuel Robinson of this town, "Haberdasher of Hatts" about making a sufficient sluice in Beverley Beck.

3rd June 1695. John Jackson, macebearer, to have a new gown, to last 7 years if he live so long; if not the gown to go to his successor.

f. 239. 4th July 1695. The Aldermen and Burgesses to go about their respective Wards and take a list of all "inmates" in each Ward.

[During September, October, and November an unusually large number of new Burgesses was sworn including Sir Charles Hotham, Bart., viz., Freeborn (no fine), 22; Apprentices 20/-, 15; and three others, two at £5 and one £6. 13. 4].

John Sugden, Mayor.

f. 243. 16th December 1695. Ordered that the Town Waits continue their office as formerly provided they agree to go hand in hand and each take their respective proportions of what they collect in the town as well as their salary; if they refuse to do so their offices to be declared void and their badges and chains to be delivered up. They refused to carry out this order and delivered up their badges and chains accordingly.

f. 244. 8th March 1695[-6]. As it hath been heretofore so it is to continue that all foreign wains which bring freemen's goods to the Town shall pay Toll for such wains.

f. 245. 20th April 1696. 30/- paid to Mr. Carver for drawing up and getting signed "the Association" [the loyal Association to defend William III] and also 10/- to Roger Brown for going about in that business.

Thomas Statter, Mayor.

f. 247. 9th November 1696. John Hewart, James Batthus and John Rysom re-admitted the Town's Waits and to have their chains and badges redelivered to them, and each to have 20/- yearly salary.

f. 249. 1st February 1696[-7]. £80 to be borrowed if it will pay the town's debts which they have incurred the past year. If not then £100; and to have the Town's seal for security of repayment thereof.

22nd February 1696/7. William Coates having left £100 to the Corporation the interest on which of £6 yearly to be paid to a poor scholar of this town at Cambridge University, or failing one such, to the poor, and Richard Coates his nephew being in poor estate and desirous of going to the University when he is prepared; it is agreed on account of his near relationship to the donor to grant him the £6 yearly in the meantime; but this not to be a precedent, and only to be granted in future to one actually at the University.

29th March 1697. Leading of Londoners' wares next Cross Fair let for £3 [a reduction on the £5 of the last few years].

f. 250. 28th April 1697. John Stafford of Walkington sworn a Burgess and freeman for £8. [An unusual fee].

f. 251. 23rd August 1697. Toll and weighing of wool for the year let to Mary Butler for £40 [this sum has not varied for many years].

f. 252. 20th September 1697. 6/- paid for setting up two sundials in the Market Place.

27th September 1697. The annual list of 26 Burgesses, being [as usual] 13 old Capital Burgesses and 13 New Burgesses, chosen by the Mayor and Aldermen to be communicated to the "Commons" for their election of 13 Capital Burgesses for the ensuing year.

John Acklam, Mayor.

f. 253. 8th November 1697. John Ray, a Scotchman, sworn a Burgess and freeman for £8.

f. 254. 17th December 1697. An address to His Majesty King William to be drawn up and sealed.

f. 255. 20th December 1697. The annual Christmas Dole for the poor this year amounts to the average amount of £35. 15. 10 made up of Westwood Mill rent £8. 12. 6; Alderman Grey's £6; rent of lands at Over £17; one of Dr. Metcalf's Exhibitions to Cambridge vacant £6. 13. 4; one year's interest of £150 given by Mr. Dymoke £9; total £47. 5. 10 less expenses, rates and taxes £11. 10. 0.

f. 256. 24th January 1697[-8]. Mr. Carver to have 10/- for transcribing the soldiers' quarters under Lieut.-Col. Pearse and Capt. Austin into 12 sheets of paper and 5/- to Geo. Pratman for his pains about the soldiers.

7th February 1697[-8]. 7/6 paid to Geo. Pratman for 3 times summoning the inhabitants to pay in their taxes concerning the Capitation Acts, the Act for Lights and the Act for marriages, births, and deaths.

28th March 1698. The Water Passage [between Hull and Beverley] and the leading of Londoners' goods [at Cross fair] let for 3 years at £9 per annum.

f. 258. 5th October 1698. Mr. Timothy Wallace, B.A. chosen Usher at the Grammar School at a salary of £10 per annum.

John Gunby, Mayor.

f. 261. 5th December 1698. A writ to be sent for against the Lord Mayor of York and others who took the malt of Mr. Henry Johnson, a Burgess and freeman of Beverley, for not paying toll at York.

Referred to the Mayor and others to consider what shall be given to the 27 men who were employed to go with warrants of hue and cry against Lanc. England. £1. 12. 9 paid to the persons who were employed about the taking of Lancelot England.

f. 262. 6th February 1698[-9]. A lengthy minute to the effect that John Johnston, Postmaster of the town, has been superseded by William Hardwick; that the Postmaster General who has a respect for Johnston has referred to Sir Wm. Quintin and Ralph Warton Esq. the question of what Hardwick should allow Johnston and his five children out of the profits of the office; that the Corporation have urged the matter upon Hardwick, who is now present; and Hardwick now agrees to allow Johnston half the profits of the office up to £20 a year; "and if Mr. Hardwick be called to an accompt by the Postmr. Generall to answer what shall be raised of the by-letters, the said Johnston and his children shall allow their share thereof."

f. 263. 6th March 1698[-9]. £4. 15. 0 paid to Aldermen Mason and Dunne which they disbursed concerning Lanc. England;

also what they disburse about him at the next York Assizes.

11th April 1699. Robert Walker of Wagen [Wawne] sworn a Burgess on payment of £10 and to be discharged of all offices of the town and Corporation, except for assessing or collecting money to be granted by Act of Parliament.

f. 265. 2nd October 1699. Goods value £10. 5. 11 distrained by John Moyser, Esq. of Andrew Rogers upon a Writ of distringas issuing out of the town's Court (being forfeited to the town) are granted to Moyser on paying the fees for the same.

Christopher Thompson, Mayor.

f. 266. 16th October 1699. 2/- paid for bread for the wife and children of Fr. Gossup now in prison.

f. 267. 13th November 1699. Edward Johnson paid 10/- and Richard Hoyle 6/8 Court Leet fines; one half of which returned to them.

Every vessel of coals which comes from Hull to Beverley either to be sold or delivered shall be measured by the common Metter of the town. Penalty 10/- by every owner who shall refuse such mettage to be made.

23rd November 1699. 40/- paid towards the building of a Church at Brigg in Lincolnshire.

Beverley Beck to be dressed and bottom scoured from the East end (called Beck end) to the West end i.e., to the Low bridge, by Wm. Ayre for £155.

f. 268. 27th November 1699. Roger Nightingell, Innholder, sworn a Burgess for £8. [Since the 16th July 1694 each Burgess sworn has been numbered, apparently for purposes of record; the present entry is the 120th since that date].

Alderman Coulson fined 1/- for being at Church without his gown yesterday.

11th December 1699. Robert Wheldale, Baker, fined 10/- weekly from henceforth so long as he exercises his trade in the town, until he come in and take his freedom.

Roger Nightingell [above] hath given out that members of this Chamber have disclosed to him who were for or against the payment of a less or greater sum for his freedom, contrary to the rules of this Chamber; he is summoned to the next meeting to discover who did so, and on failure to be bound to his good behaviour.

f. 270. Richard Coates [see *f.* 249] being now near his journey for going up to the University of Cambridge is granted annual Exhibitions as follow :—Dr. Metcalf, £6. 13. 4; Dr. Lacie, £8; and William Coates, £6.

f. 271. 8th April 1700. For this year every Burgess and freeman putting cows or horses into Westwood and the Hurn shall pay 6d. each; penalty in default 20/-.

f. 274. 16th September 1700. 20/- paid to Wm. Smith the foreman of the Court Leet for drawing standing pains on 12 sheets of paper; also 10/- to the Jurors for making presentments, they having had 20/- for their services since the last Court Leet.

f. 275. 3rd October 1700. James Greyborne, having refused to accept the office of Alderman to which he was lately elected, and was fined £30, has refused to pay. Ordered that he be sued at Common Law for the fine.

Robert Wride, Mayor.

f. 277. 18th November 1700. Mrs. Jane Sivers, a milliner, to be fined 10/- weekly for trading, not being a Burgess, but to have notice thereof before her goods be distrained.

2nd December 1700. Mrs. Sivers, having paid £6. 13. 4 to the Corporation, is allowed to keep open her shop for the purposes of her trade as a milliner and sempstress, without let or molestation.

23rd December 1700. Charles Pelham, Esq., of Brocklesby [Nephew of Sir Michael Warton] sworn a Burgess and Freeman. [No fee, Number 143 since July 1694].

f. 280. 17th March 1700[-1]. £25 borrowed of Sarah Fisher of Beverley. Security a bond under the town seal.

27th March 1701. Leading of Londoners' goods next Cross Fair let for £4.

f. 281. 12th May 1701. Mrs. Dighton, who says she was Apprentice to Mrs. Tysiton of York, a milliner, requests her freedom to keep open shop in Beverley. On payment of £6. 13. 4. she is allowed liberty to do so as much as is in the Corporation's power.

f. 282. 2nd June 1701. Ordered by the Mayor and six Aldermen that the Churchwardens and overseers of the Poor of the Parishes of St. Marie's, St. Nicholas and St. Martin's do forthwith lay an Assessment for one month by computation as the present tax for the poor now is, for raising a stock to put forth apprentices.

8th September 1701. The Charters of Henry I and Henry V; and an award under the seal of Kingston-upon-Hull to be carried to Hull to be used on a discourse with Hull concerning the freemen of Beverley passing under Hulbridge called the High Bridge.

f. 284. 2nd October 1701. The Mayor and others to

discourse with Mr. Ralph Warton concerning £200 given by Sir Ralph Warton to the Corporation to begin the woollen manufacture of knitting stockings. [See p. 93].

George Davies, Mayor.

f. 286. 13th October 1701. Henry Wood chosen Bedle; yearly salary 30/- and a coat.

22nd October 1701. Nicholas Fisher who was elected a Capital Burgess and Receiver at the Election refused to serve "hee not being a scholler" paid £10 fine and was discharged.

f. 287. 25th October 1701. The Bedle indemnified against all persons for executing the orders of the Chamber concerning swine.

A letter sent to Sir Michael Warton that he will put a check to such of his servants who "drive trades" in the town, or that they be chosen into offices to serve this Corporation.

f. 289. 13th November 1701. Edward Ashton, Oatshiller, elected Capital Burgess and Receiver in place of Nicholas Fisher asks to be released; and pays £10 fine. He is discharged accordingly.

f. 290. 1st December 1701. Robert Burton being elected Capital Burgess and Receiver, refuses to serve, and refuses to pay his fine of £10 on the ground that he is not eligible for office as he is not qualified by law. The Recorder asked to draw up a case for advice whether this fine can be recovered by action at law. [See *f.* 312].

f. 291. 10th December 1701. John Garton, Baker, fined £10 for refusing office as Capital Burgess and Receiver, and to be sued by writ out of the Common Pleas at Westminster if he does not pay.

15th December 1701. At a general assembly of the Burgesses for the election of a Capital Burgess in the place of John Greaves, lately elected, who appeared and affirmed he was not capable to serve in a public office as he had not received the Sacrament; Edward Robinson was chosen a Capital Burgess, and the Mayor also appointed him a Receiver of the town's revenues.

f. 293. 2nd March 1701/2. 10/- paid to the Sexton and Clock Keeper of St. John's [the Minster] for keeping the church doors shut on Shrove Tuesday; and the like sum yearly so long as he keeps the doors shut.

f. 294. 13th March 1701/2. At a meeting for proclaiming her Royal Majesty Queen Ann, Queen of England, his late Majesty King William the Third of blessed memory being lately deceased,

viz., on the 8th instant. Ordered that three dozen quart bottles of wine be sent to the Cross in Saturday Market to be drunk among the company there at the Proclamation.

f. 295. 16th March 1701/2. No person to whom the Corporation in kindness may give a horse gate in the Common Pastures to put any horse there except such as is bona fide his own proper goods.

An Address to the Queen's Majesty to be drawn up by Mr. Recorder.

f. 296. 30th March 1702. £10 sent by Sir Michael Warton to drink the Queen's health to be laid out in provisions and used in the Town's hall on the 13th April next.

27th April 1702. Payment to be made by burgesses putting cattle into Figham as follows :—Horses 8d. each, other Beasts 6d. each. Penalty for non-payment 10/-.

15 new Burgesses sworn [making 180 since July 1694] being 8 born free [no fine]; 6 apprentices at 20/- and one other at £6. 13. 4.

f. 297. 7th May 1702. As an addition is to be made to the south end of the Grammar School 7 or 8 yards of the Minster wall adjoining to be taken down to allow the addition to be made; the bricks of the wall to be employed in the addition.

11th April 1702. Ten new Burgesses sworn, making 195 since July 1694.

f. 298. 10th August 1702. Hereafter no one to be admitted a Burgess under a fine of £6. 13. 4 except such as have a legal settlement in the town.

Robert Awton, woollen weaver, sworn a Burgess, having paid £5 in hand and given a note under his hand for five Nobles more to be paid at Michaelmas 1703.

17th September 1702. Whereas the shop of Geo: Tindell was lately in danger of being fired by reason of a person carrying fire in the street not covered; any person doing so in future to be fined 10/- to be levied by warrant of the Mayor.

24th September 1702. The Court Leet fines presented by the Jurors at the last Court ordered to be levied by distress of the goods of the persons so presented.

The £5 yearly allowed to the Mayor for the poor and passengers to be "taken of"; and the actual amount disbursed in this way to be allowed, being the same more or less, upon his producing a note of such payments.

Thomas Holmes, Mayor.

f. 301. 9th November 1702. It was reported that at the Audit of the Receivers accounts for the last Mayoralty, recently

held, there was due to the Receivers a balance of £161. 6. 6. It was referred to four Aldermen and four Capital Burgesses to consider ways and means to pay this debt as well as others owing by the Corporation.

f. 305. 18th January 1702[-3]. The lime kilns let to Edw: Chappelow for 5 years at £13. 6. 8 rent; the tenant to deliver lime within 3 days to any Burgess at the price of 2/- a quarter, and not to have above one bushel of stones in every chaldron.

f. 306. 25th January 1702[-3]. The tiles upon the roof over a low room on the north side of the Minster to be replaced with new pan tiles and the room repaired for Francis Gossup, a poor man, to live in.

1st March 1702[-3]. Mr. Thomas Mease chosen Minister of the Minster and Lecturer of the town in place of Mr. Steven Clark, decd. at the like salary. A Presentation under the town's seal to be carried to York for the Archbishop's admission of Mr. Mease.

8th March 1702[-3]. Mr. Thomas Clarke chosen Assistant at the Minster in place of Mr. Elias Forge decd.; he to have the Queen's pension of £16 per annum as salary.

As the Usher of the Grammar School and the Assistant Curacy at the Minster are two distinct places, which cannot be in one person without prejudice to the School, in future they must remain two distinct places.

f. 309. 19th April 1703. Two new Burgesses sworn for £5 each fine, they having dwelt a long time in the town [206 since July 1694].

f. 310. 17th June 1703. Mr. Nelthorp of London to be approached with regard to £200 given by his grandfather's will; and threatened that if he does not pay it to the Corporation in a short time according to the Will they will apply to the Archbishop of York to adjourn the execution of a Commission of Pious Uses now in his hands to Beverley and that he will be prosecuted upon the Commission for the £200.

Mr. Thomas Mease, Minister of St. John's [the Minster] and Lecturer of the town to have the yearly salary of £60 as his predecessor had.

f. 312. 19th July 1703. Swinemoor Well to be dressed and walled about; the cost to be collected as far as possible and the balance to be paid by the Corporation.

20th September 1703. A warrant to be issued against Robert Burton for a fine of £10 for refusing to accept office as a Capital Burgess and Receiver of Rents and Revenues,

f. 313. 27th September 1703. The Right Honorable Willm. Lord Marques of Hartington, son and heir apparent to the Duke of Devonshire, also the Right Honorable Charles Earl of Carlisle, sworn Burgesses and freemen of Beverley. [No. 214 since July 1694. Following admissions of freemen are not numbered].

John Greaves, Mayor.

f. 314. 18th October 1703. The Toll of Meal let to Jos. Burton for this year at 30/-.

Wm. Hardwick appointed Clerk for the next two sittings for the hiring of servants, viz., on the 21st October and the 4th November.

f. 315. £50 borrowed from Alderman Benjamin Lambert at £5 per cent. interest.

f. 318. 9th March 1703[-4]. Leading of Londoners' goods next Cross Fair let for £4.

f. 319. 3rd April 1704. Exhibitions to St. John's College, Cambridge, granted to Richard Nocles, viz., Dr. Metcalf £6. 13. 4; Dr. Lacie £8. 0. 0 and £3 balance of Mrs. Farrer's gift of £5 he having already had £2 for one year's schooling.

f. 321. 29th May 1704. The Archbishop of York thanked for procuring a Brief from Her Majesty about the repair of the Minster, and it is referred to him to nominate what Counties should be named in the Patent.

5th June 1704. The value of the metal remaining of the great bell of the Minster lately new cast at York to be employed in providing a new sixth bell if the money be procured in the Parish of St. Martin or otherwise.

f. 322. 17th July 1704. Any person carting manure and not closing up the wayne etc. with a sufficient board to prevent it being scattered on to the street to forfeit 6d. to the town's use for every offence.

f. 323. 3rd October 1704. A humble Address to be engrossed and sealed and sent to Sir Charles Hotham to be presented to Her Majesty.

Edward Wilbert, Mayor.

f. 325. 16th November 1704. The 4 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. of metal remaining of the great bell at the Minster now in the hands of the bell founder of York sold to him at 8d. a lb. amounting to £16 provided he allow the Corporation metal at the same rate if within 5 years they wish to provide a sixth bell at the Minster,

f. 327. £60 to be borrowed at £5 per cent. under the town's seal for the use of the Minster.

The parcel of ground adjoining the Town Hall, called the "Town's fold," sold to Mrs. Anne Wilberforce for £32. 5. 0.

19th February 1704[-5]. 16 new Burgesses admitted and sworn, viz., 2 Apprentices at 20/-; 13 born free, no fine; one other at £6. 13. 4.

f. 328. 23rd February 1704[-5]. The Mayor read letters from Sir Charles Hotham and Mr. Moyser offering their services as representatives for the Corporation in the next Parliament; and forasmuch as Sir Michael Warton says by his letter that he desires the town will choose them to serve in Parliament, the Mayor is desired to thank them for their great kindness in such their proffer. Also the Chamber voted that Mr. Moyser have his freedom.

f. 330. 23rd April 1705. John Moyser, Esq. sworn a Burgess and freeman of this town and Corporation; at which time he presented a large Mace, richly made and gilt, to the Corporation [the existing town Mace].

f. 331. 27th May 1705. Wm. Jenkinson, Vintner, sworn a Burgess for the [unusual] fine of £8.

12th July 1705. As great abuses have been made in the weighing of wool brought to be sold yearly at Midsummer Fair within this town, ordered that scales and weights be provided for the weighing of a whole pack at one draught.

The Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, with Mr. Henry Jefferson, Minister of St. Maries, and Mr. Thomas Mease, Minister of St. John's, being the Trustees named in Her Majesties Letters Patent for collecting moneys throughout England for repairing Beverley Minster have appointed William Feak, Esq. and Thomas Lewis, Gent., of Stafford to be undertakers and collectors of such moneys, provided they give such security as the Trustees shall approve.

f. 332. 13th September 1705. The Churchwardens of St. Martin's came into the Chamber and reported that they are threatened by the country Churchwardens of St. John's to be presented at the Court of York for not giving them meat and drink at the Visitations. Ordered that they be indemnified by this Corporation.

Thomas Statter, Mayor.

f. 334. 15th October 1705. The thanks of the Chamber given to Mrs. Susannah Clark, Exor. of Mr. Stephen Clark late

Minister of St. John's for presenting a large silver flagon to the Church.

The Toll and weighing of wool let to Mary Butler for 3 years for £40 a year; she to provide two pair of scales to weigh packs from 16 to 22 stone.

f. 335. 3rd December 1705. Robert Crocket, Receiver in the last mayoralty, is out of pocket £116 on the year's accounts. £100 to be borrowed at £5 per cent. for 6 months to repay him.

f. 339. 19th August 1706. Charles Wilson, Furrier and Innholder, has permission to erect a sign post before the door of his house in Saturday Market.

Benjamin Lambert, Mayor.

f. 341. 7th October 1706. John Wrezzle, lately chosen a Capital Burgess for this year, and named Receiver by the Mayor allowed to refuse office on payment of £10 fine.

f. 342. 21st October 1706. Mr. Mayor having sent a summons to all the Wardens of the several Societies in the town to appear in the Guildhall to elect a Capital Burgess for the year in place of John Wrezzle; Edward Farmer was chosen, and was also named Receiver by the Mayor.

f. 343. 7th November 1706. The Corporation having borrowed £25 for "stubbing" the Pastures, the Pasture Masters ordered to pay £5 per annum for 7 years to repay it out of the profits of the Pastures.

A lengthy order reciting the right of the Corporation to the water passage from Hull and the right of the Mayor to fix the price of coal so brought, and to receive a "water met" of coal out of each vessel brought by a foreigner and half a water met from a Burgess. Ordered that any person bringing coal by water to be sold shall apply to the Mayor, as Clerk of the market, for the price per chaldron before it is sold, and procure and pay the Belman to publish such price; and deliver to the Mayor his dues as above mentioned; and pay the Common Metter 3d. per Chaldron so brought; Penalty 6/8. Further order that if the Common Metter of the town do not attend on six hours notice to see that persons buying coal have their right; Penalty 3/4. Lastly every foreigner bringing such coals shall deliver to the Common Metter one Water Met of coal out of each vessel for his pains in the execution of his office.

f. 345. 16th December 1706. The town's brass bushel being insufficient, the Surveyors to procure two new bushel skeps of wood, and to take care they are made according to law.

f. 346. 20th January 1706/7. John Buckle, Tallow Chandler sworn a Burgess and Freeman on payment of £8. [Several new Burgesses at this period paid £8 fine, though others were admitted subsequently for £6. 13. 4, or £5 in the case of persons having a settlement in the town].

£10 given by Sir Charles Hotham to the poor; also £10 due from Mr. Nelthorp of London, to be distributed accordingly.

f. 350. 10th March 1706/7. Mr. Thomas Milner, formerly a Governor of the town, aged 92, and now in a low condition, is granted £5 a year for life.

Mr. Humfrey Robinson, fined £30 for refusing to accept office as an Alderman, to be sued for his fine.

Contributions to be sought for the erection of a new Cross in Saturday Market [the existing Cross] where the present Cross was lately broken.

f. 353. 12th June 1707. An address to Her Majesty concerning the Union of England and Scotland, now read, to be sealed and sent to Lord Hartington to present to the Queen.

f. 355. 1st September 1707. Any Alderman chosen Mayor in future, who does not make the usual feasts at the four Quarter Sessions, not to have any allowance from the Corporation.

11th September 1707. A draft order settled by the Recorder approved, imposing a fine of £20 upon any Alderman absenting himself from the Guildhall upon the election of the new Mayor.

f. 357. 25th September 1707. Alderman Humfrey Robinson [see *f.* 350] having been absent from the election of Mayor, without excuse, is fined £20 accordingly.

"Whereas John Jackson, Macebearer, Attorney of this Townes Cort & Clerk to the Counsel Chamber [see *f.* 1] hath this day resigned his said Offices into the hands of this Chamber wch resignation this Chamber hath accepted & it is this day ordered that Mr. Daniell Carver is elected Attorney of the sd Cort by the said Maior and Aldermen & that hee is elected Mace bearer & Clerk to this Counsell Chamber for wch sd offices last mentioned vizt. Six pounds yearly as macebearer and three pounds as Clerk of this Chamber both sallaries to be pd qrterly as the sd John Jackson formerly had, also a new Gowne so soone as it can be made & soe a new gowne every seaven yeares & to have all the perquisits & profits of all the sd offices as the sd John Jackson usually had, & that the sd John Jackson have the old Gowne."

Jo: Jackson."

An order disfranchising Daniell Carver with his assent "so that he may be useful to this Corporation as an evidence according as business shall happen."

[End of this part of the Minute Book].

Then follow 12 blank folios, and on the last 5 folios written from the back of the volume are copies, in John Jackson's handwriting, of the following documents, viz.:—Administration Bond, dated 7th May 1668, of the Mayor, Governors, and Burgesses of Beverley to administer the goods of Leonard Allanson decd. [see *f.* 46]; The will of Dr. Robert Metcalf dated 9th October 1652, devising lands, etc. in Cambridgeshire to the Corporation on certain charitable trusts to which reference has been made at various places in the above Abstract; Extract from the Will of Dr. Lacey, also referred above, and Mrs. Margaret Farrer's Will containing similar charitable provisions.

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